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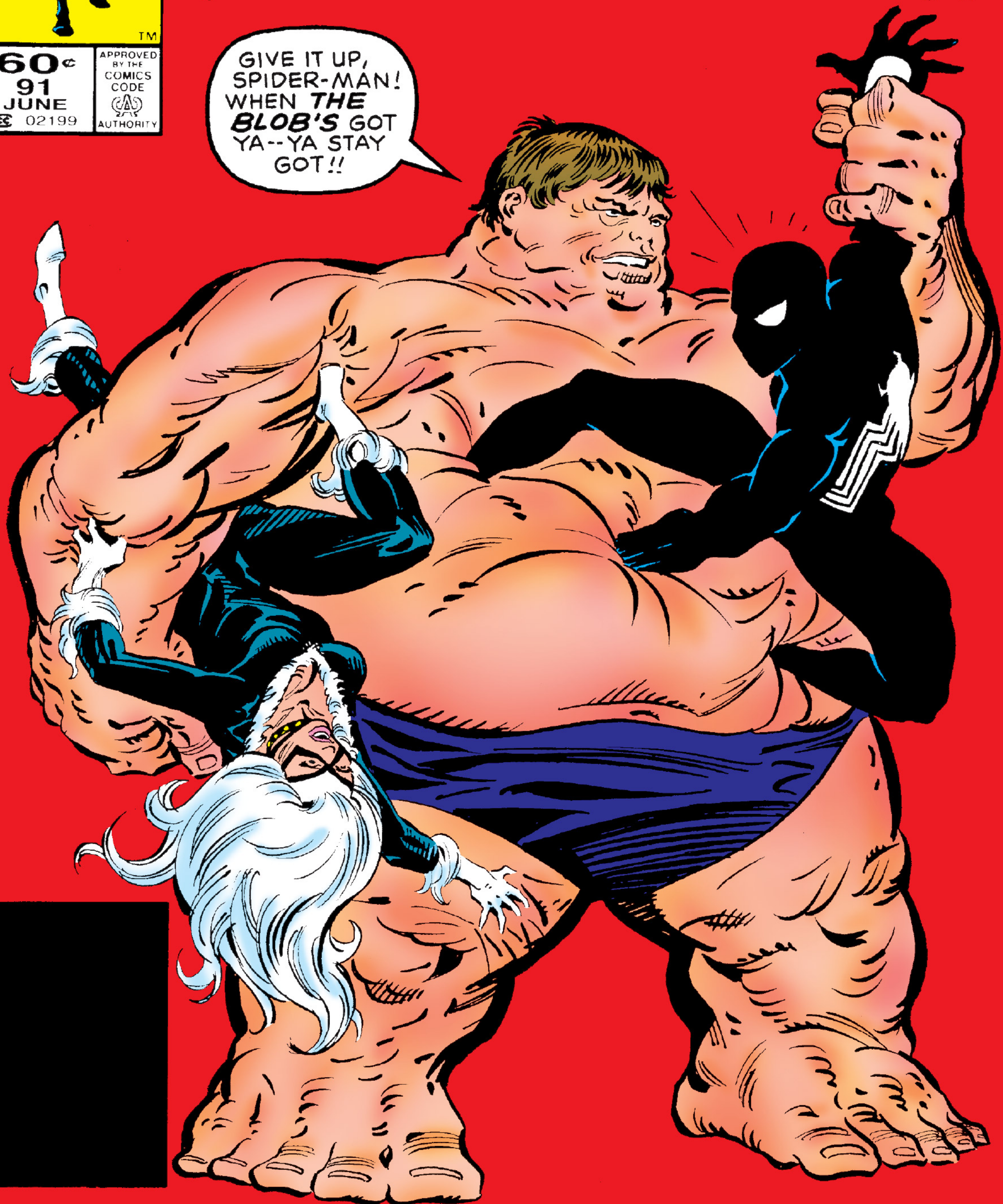
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PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MANTM

GIVE IT UP,
SPIDER-MAN!
WHEN **THE**
BLOB'S GOT
YA-- YA STAY
GOT!!



MILGROM

IF IT WASN'T FOR BAD LUCK...

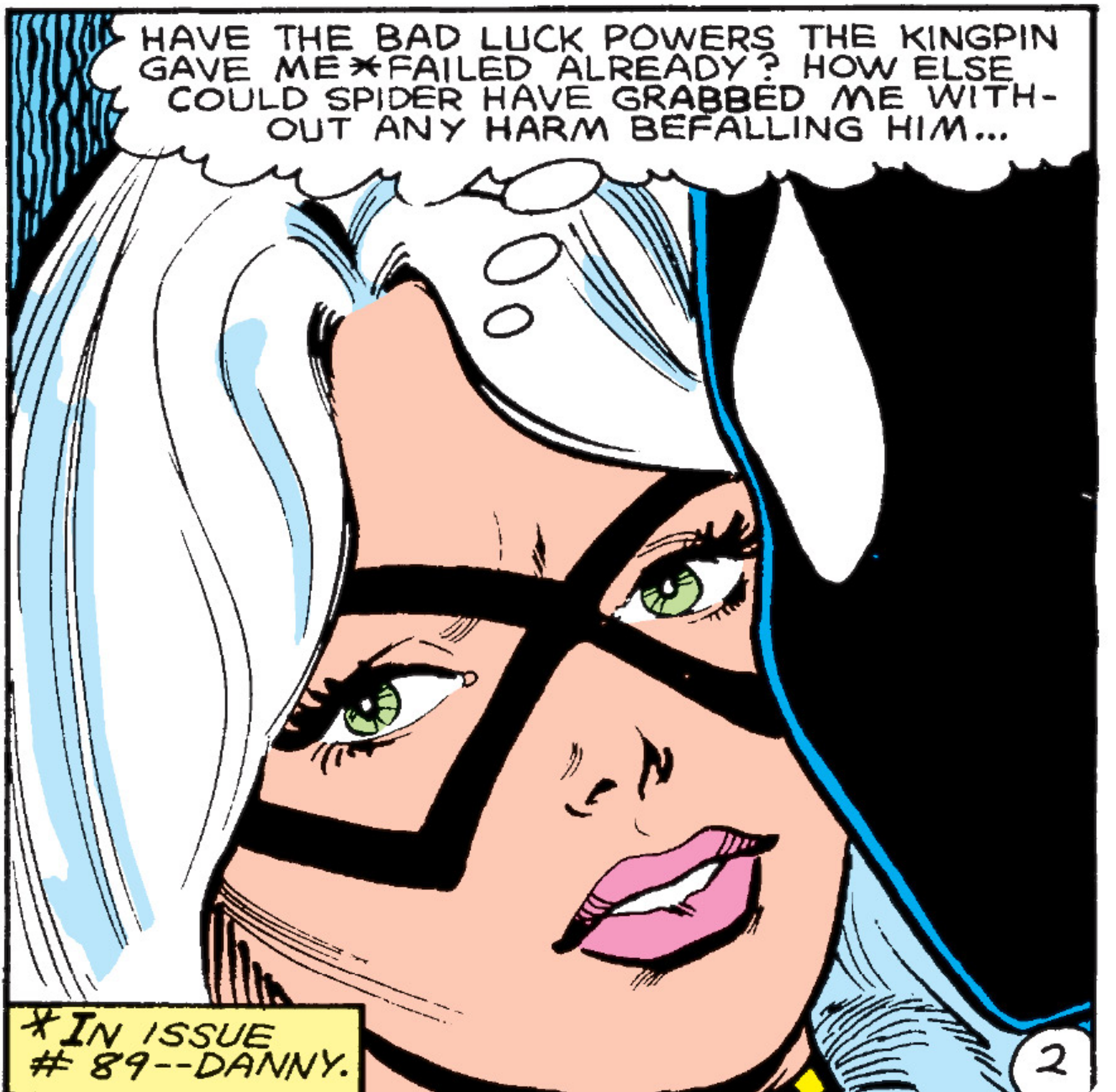
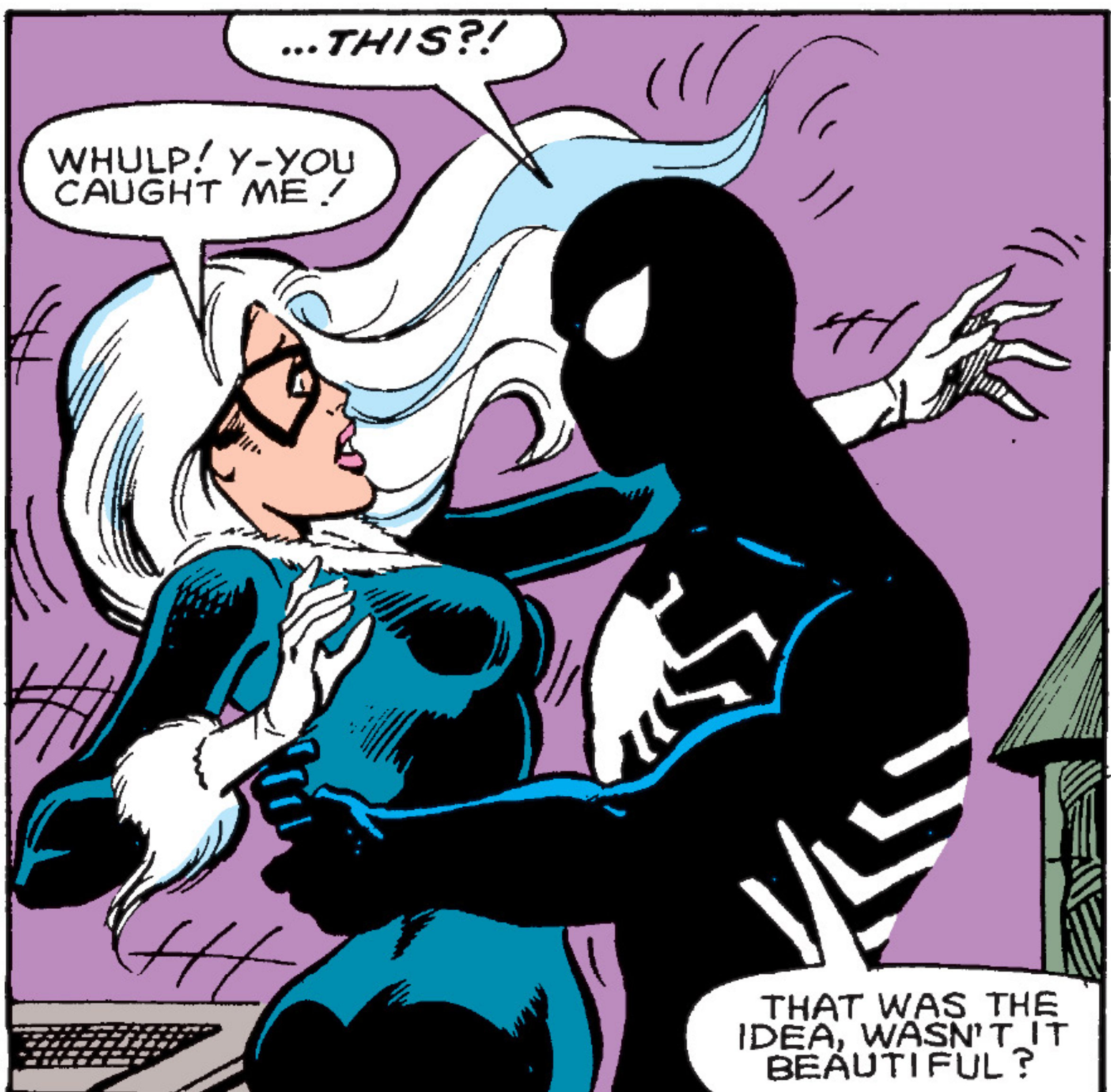
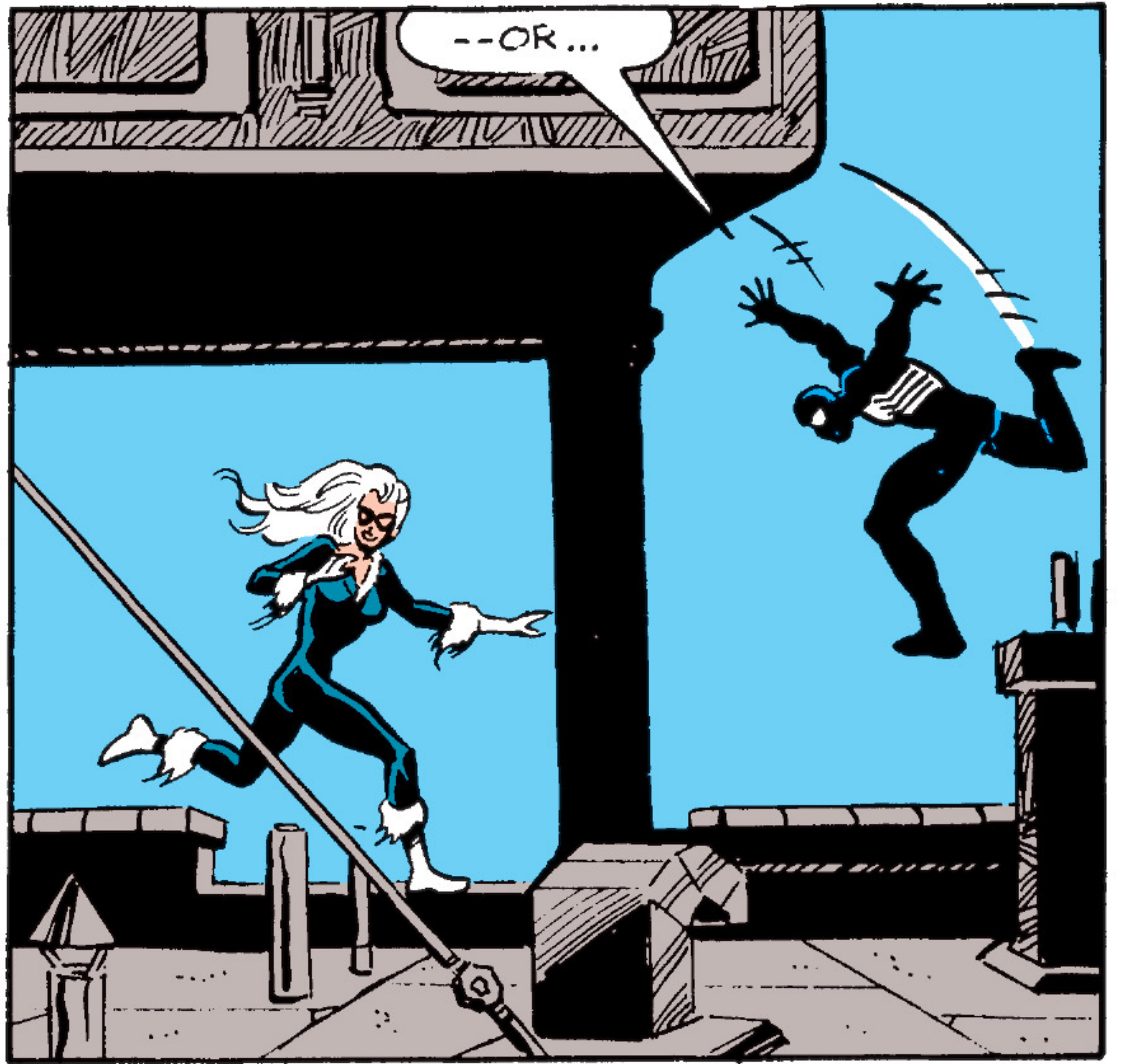
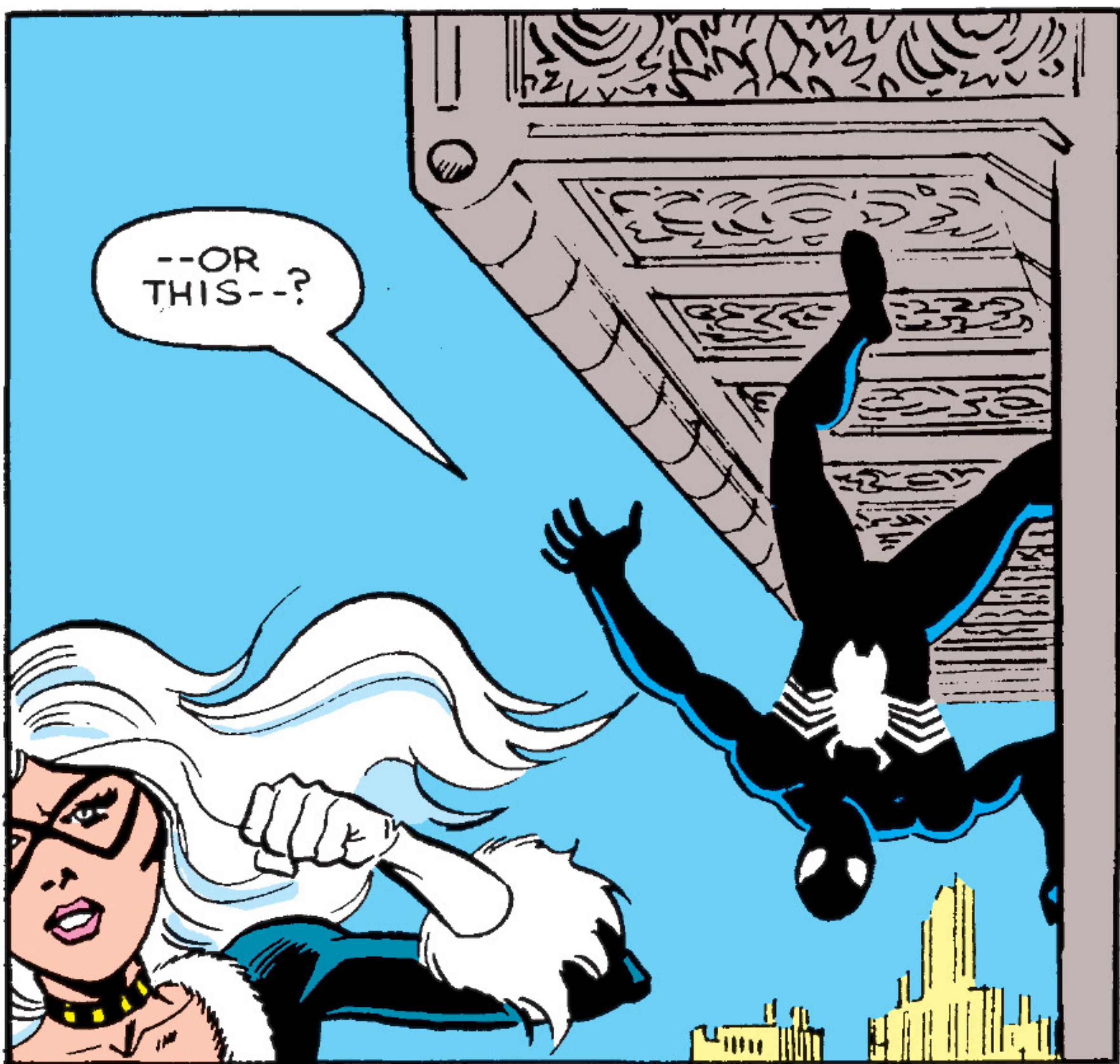
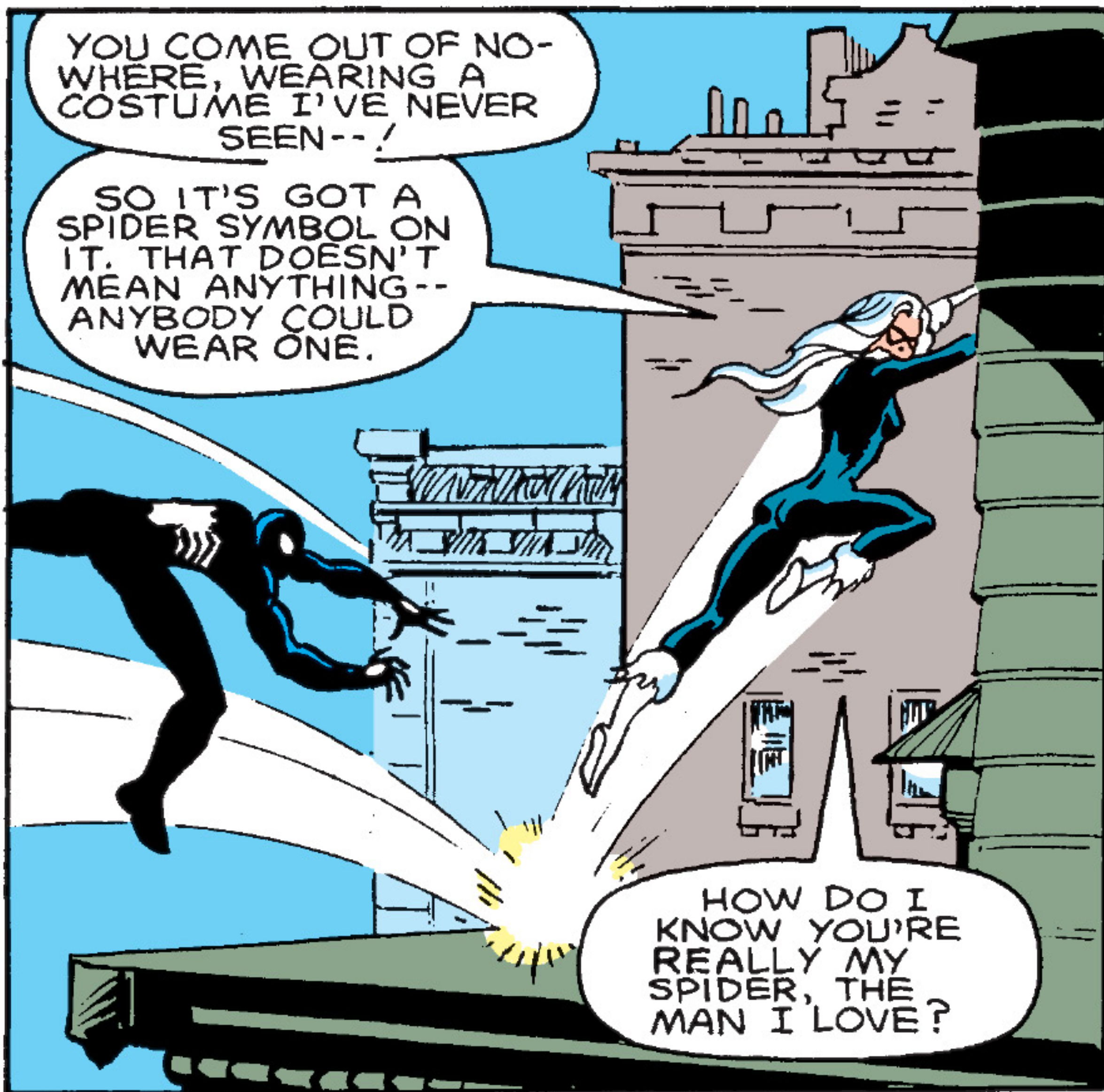
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NO! KEEP
AWAY FROM
ME.

YOU CAN'T
ESCAPE, BLACK
CAT. GIVE UP!





...UNLESS SOMEHOW THE POWER ONLY WORKS WHEN THE PERSON OR THING TRYING TO CATCH ME MEANS ME HARM. IT'S SO CONFUSING... I-I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND IT.

EARTH TO CAT! YOU *DID* RIDE ALL THE WAY INTO THE CITY WITH ME ON TOP OF THAT LONG ISLAND RAILROAD TRAIN.

I DIDN'T HEAR ANY DOUBTS THEN.

HA! NO, THAT'S TRUE. BUT SITTING ON THE ROOF OF A TRAIN YOU DON'T HEAR MUCH OF ANYTHING.

NOW TELL ME AGAIN EXACTLY WHERE YOU'VE BEEN AND HOW YOU GOT THAT SUPER-SEXY NEW COSTUME.

WELL...LIKE I SAID, ME AND A BUNCH OF OTHER LONG UNDERWEAR TYPES GOT SUCKED INTO A WEIRD DEVICE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SHEEP MEADOW. IT TRANSPORTED US TO ANOTHER DIMENSION.

WHAT HAPPENED TO US THERE WAS SO FANTASTIC, I HESITATE TO EVEN REPEAT IT.

BUT I WILL SAY THIS MUCH, THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE HUNG IN THE BALANCE. LUCKILY, OUR SIDE WON.*

*SEE MARVEL SUPER HEROES SECRET WARS ON SALE NOW--DANNY.

I ALSO PICKED UP THIS SNAZZY NEW SET OF THREADS.

I GUESS I REALLY DON'T NEED TO TELL HER ALL OF THE DETAILS--

-- LIKE HOW I BROUGHT DR. CURT CONNERS, A.K.A. THE LIZARD, BACK WITH ME.

ANYWAY, I WAS SO THRILLED TO BE BACK ON TERRA FIRMA, I LITERALLY JUMPED FOR JOY.*

YA-YA-HOO!

* FOR FULL DETAILS SEE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #252--DANNY.

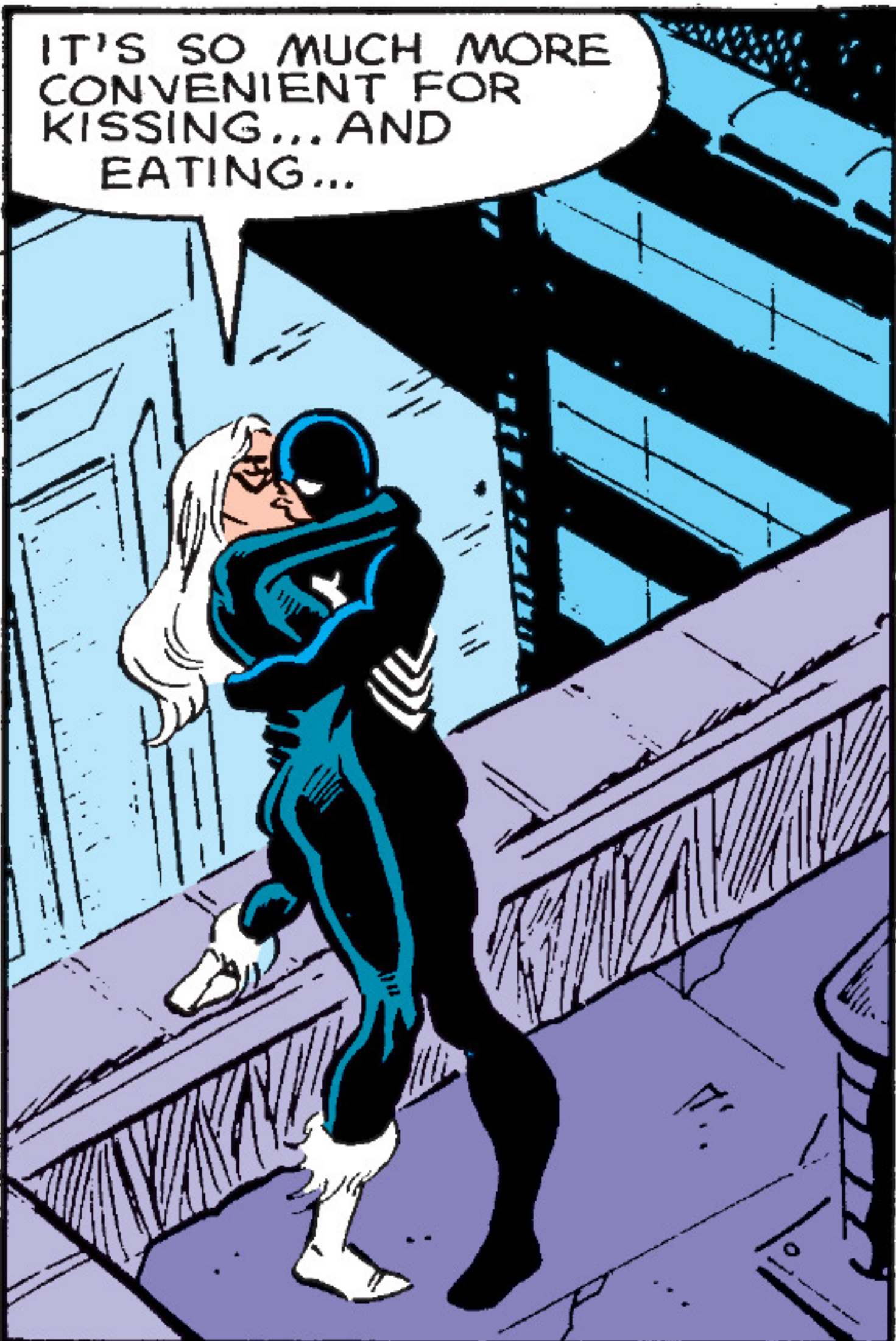
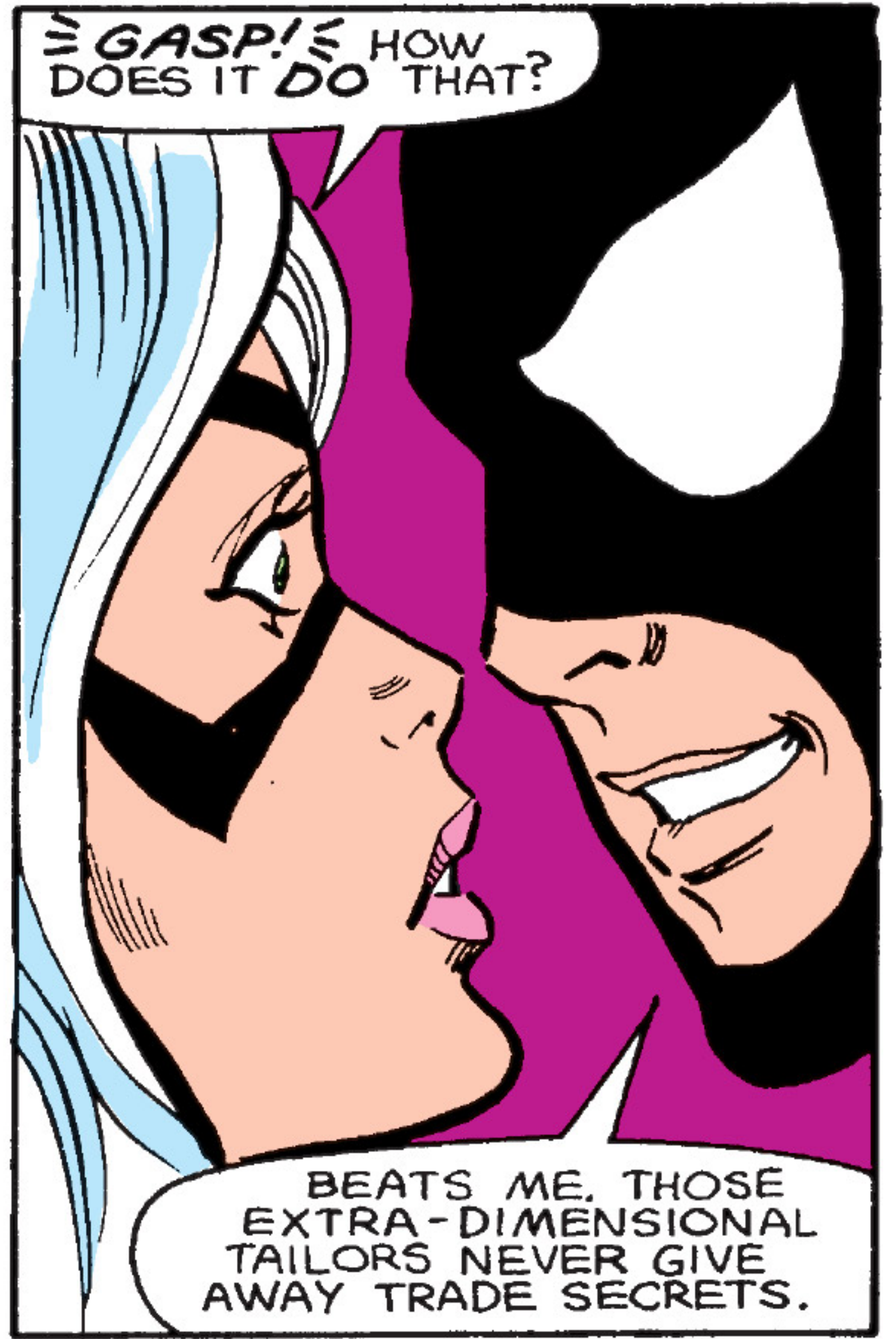
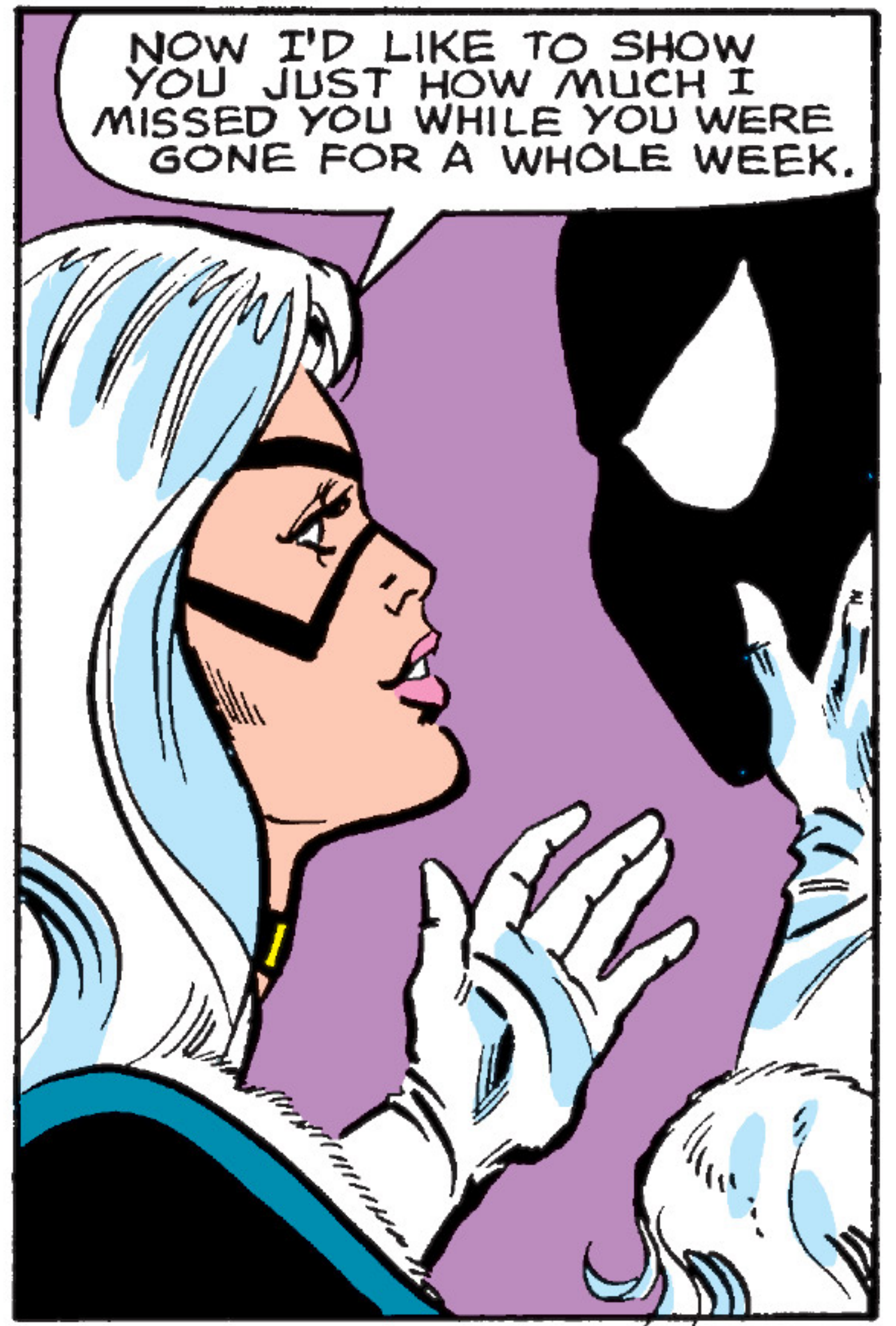
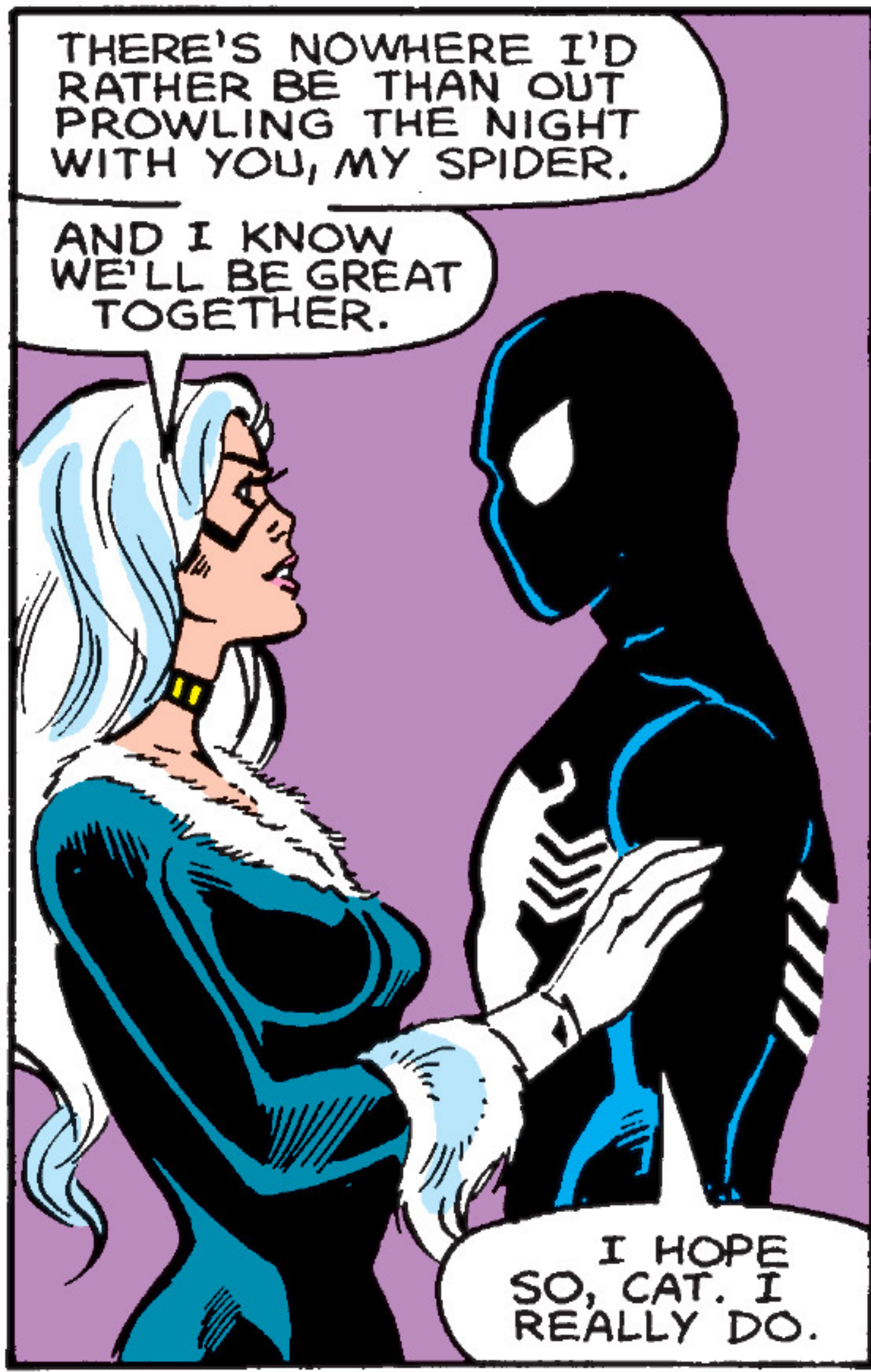
BUT THEN I GOT TO THINKING. THE WHOLE BALL OF WAX COULD HAVE GONE PFFFT! NO ONE WOULD HAVE EVEN KNOWN WHAT HIT THEM.

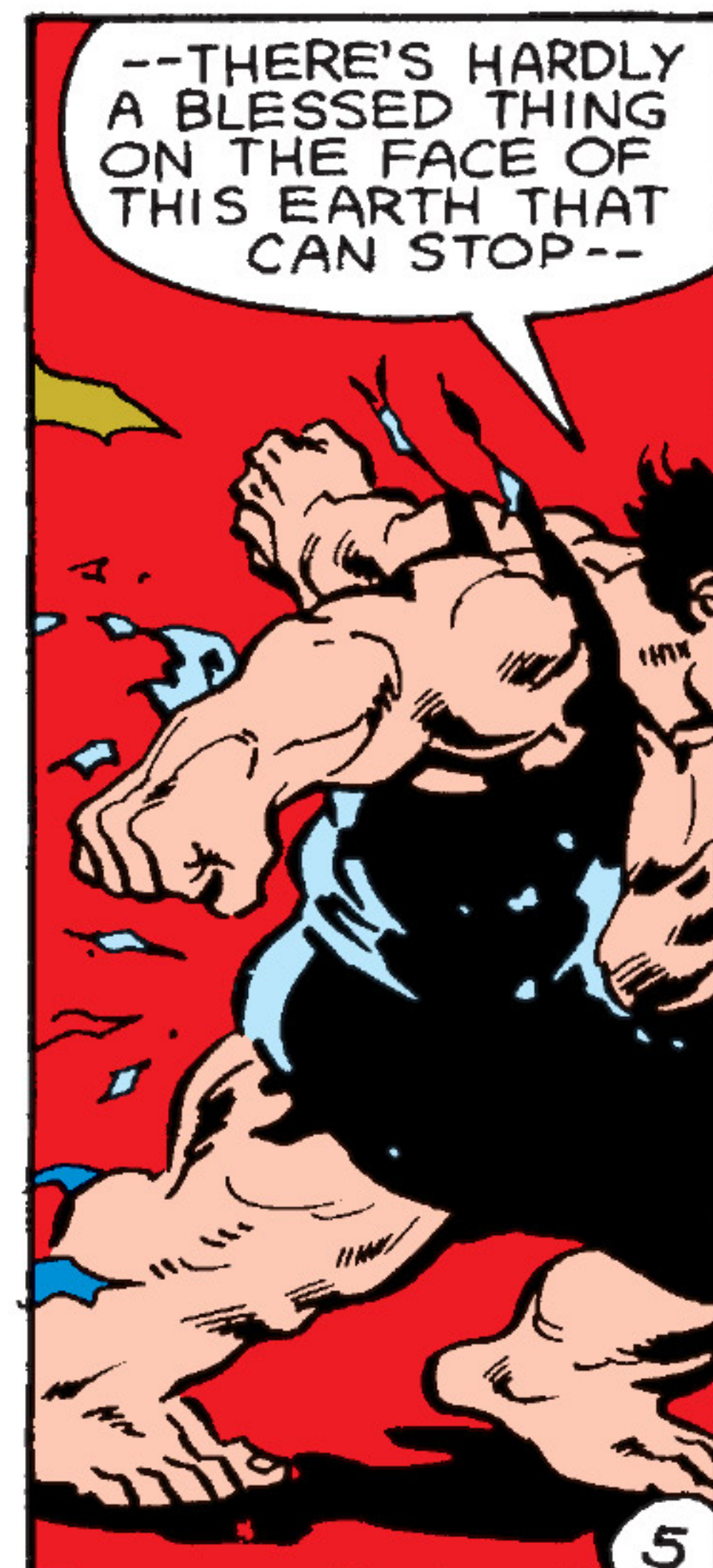
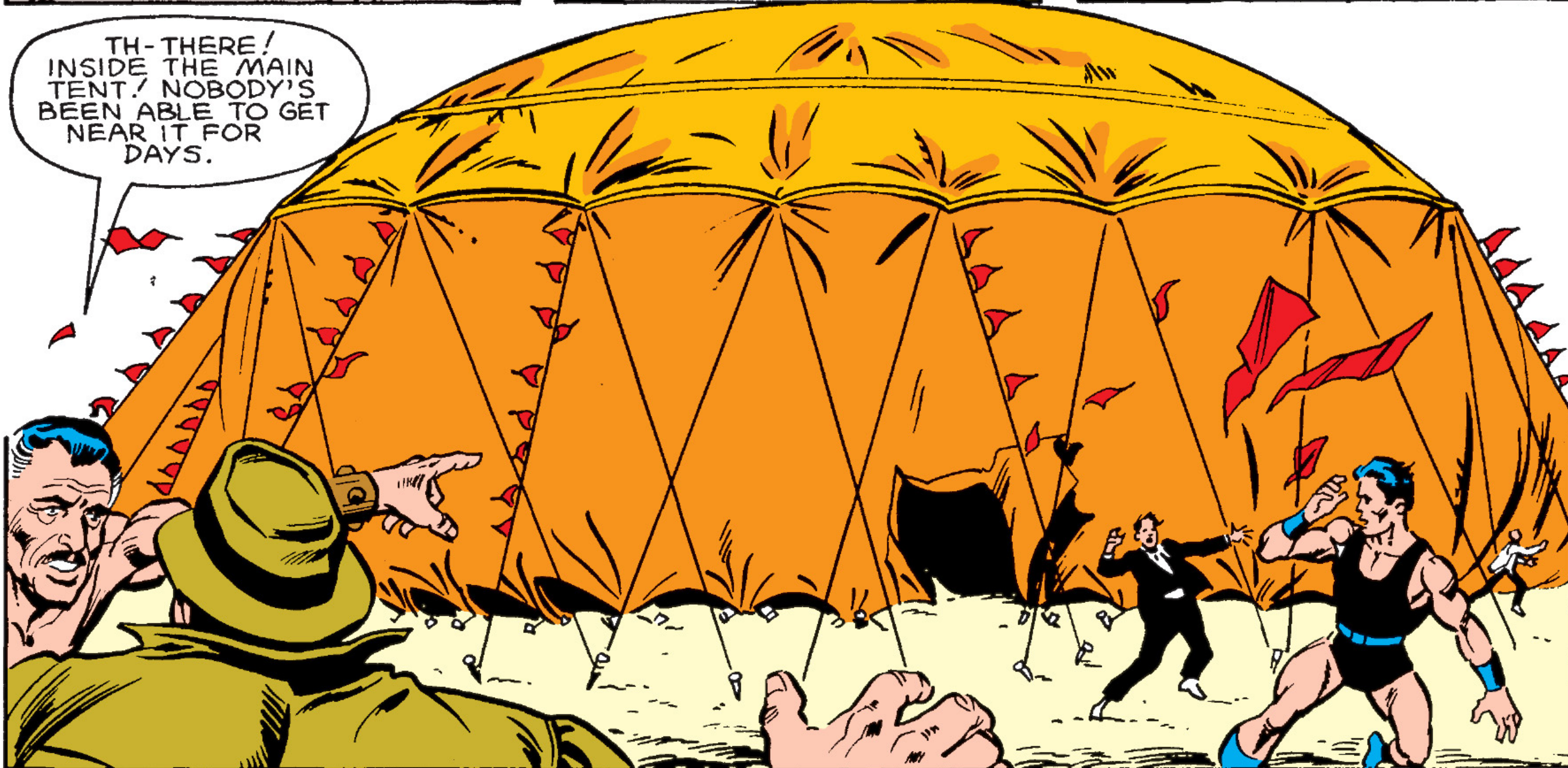
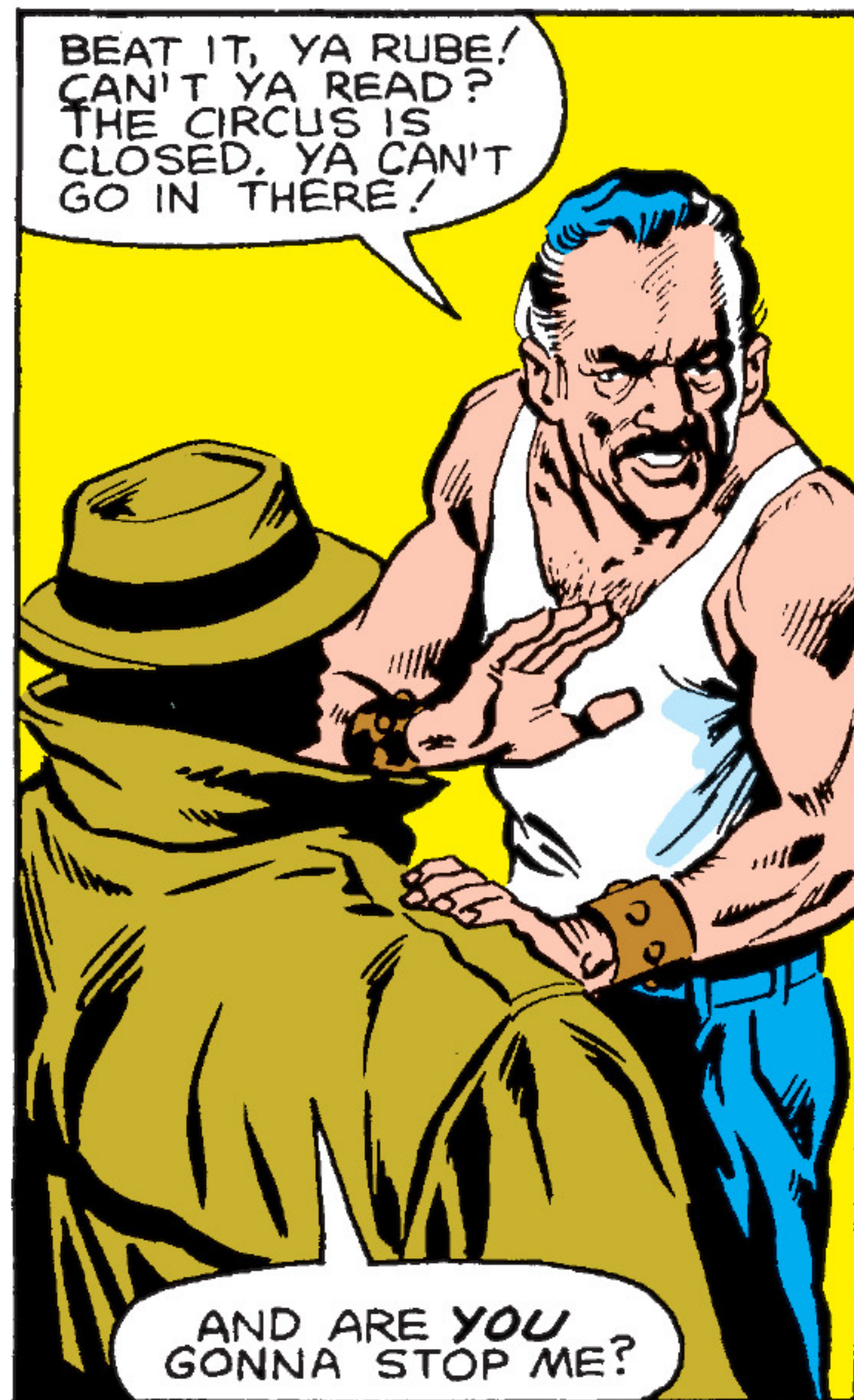
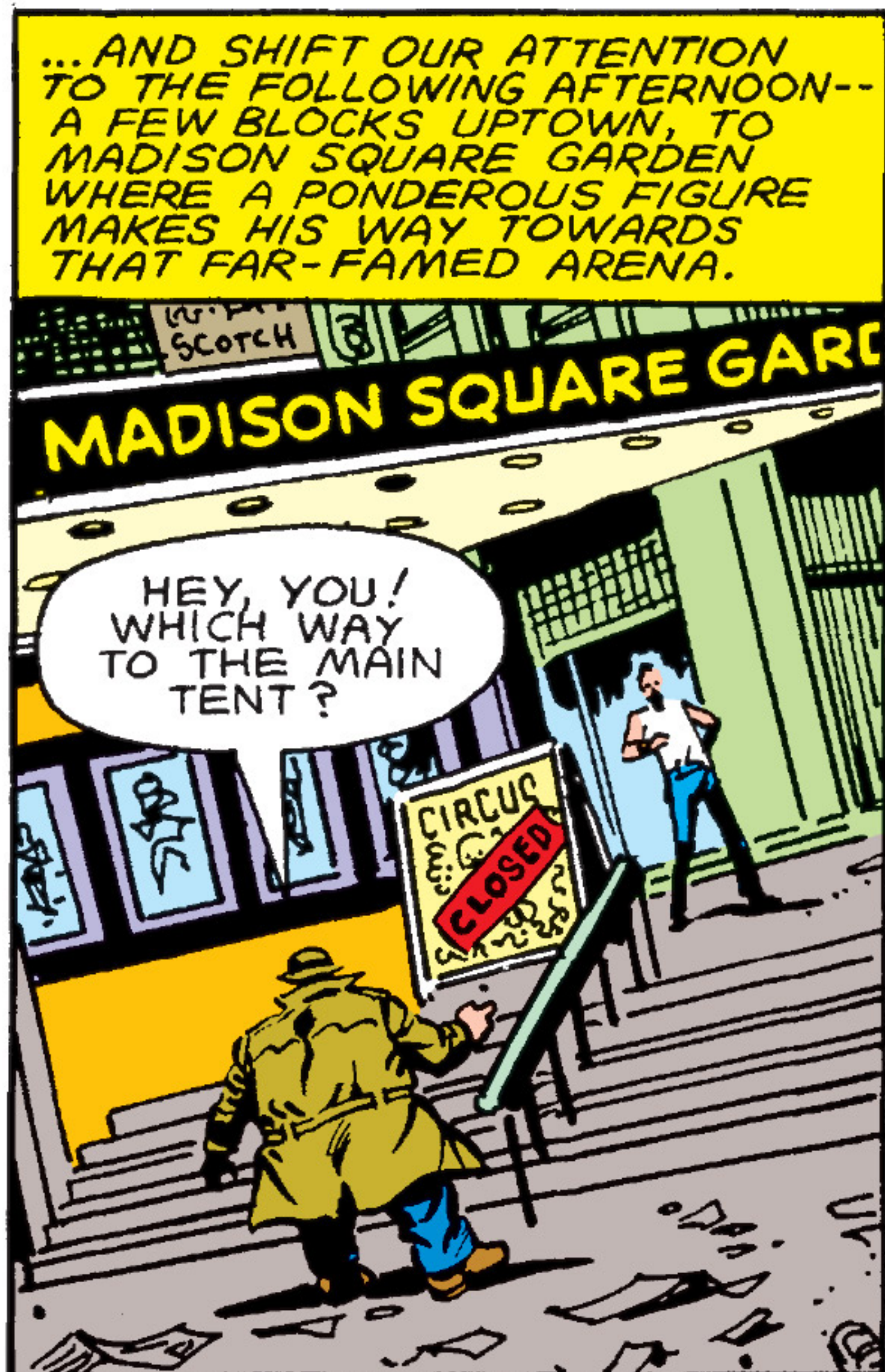
IT'S LIKE ANY DAY YOU COULD WALK OUT ON THE STREET AND GET RUN OVER BY A TRUCK.

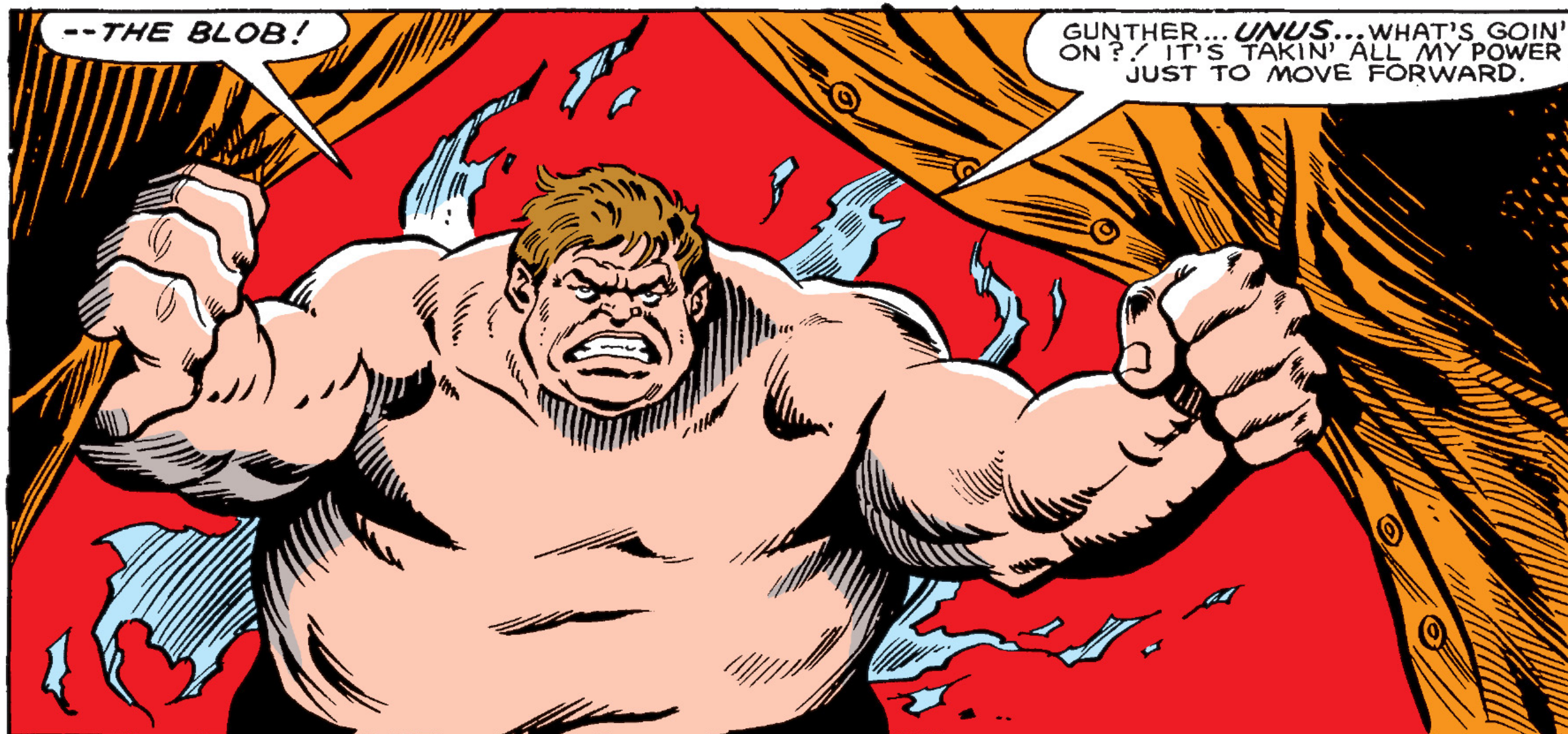
THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED I HAD NO RIGHT TO TELL YOU HOW TO LIVE YOUR LIFE... TO FORBID YOU TO JOIN ME IN THE DANGEROUS PARTS OF MY LIFE AS SPIDER-MAN.

I GUESS WHAT I'M SAYING IS... I LOVE YOU AND I RESPECT YOUR RIGHT TO RISK YOUR LIFE IF YOU WANT TO...

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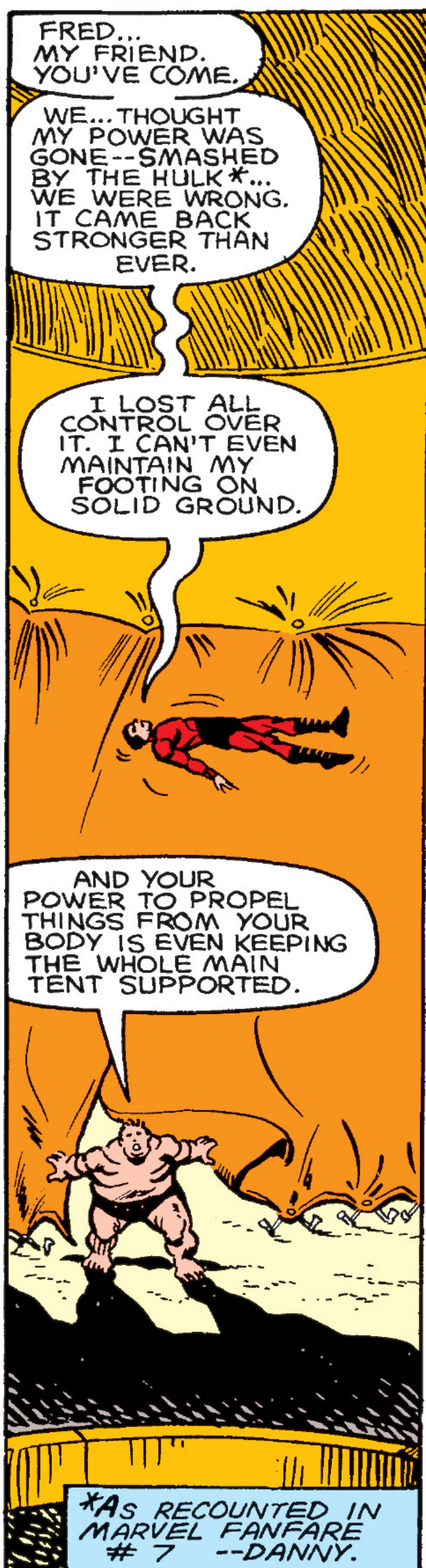






--THE BLOB!

GUNTHER... UNUS... WHAT'S GOIN' ON? IT'S TAKIN' ALL MY POWER JUST TO MOVE FORWARD.



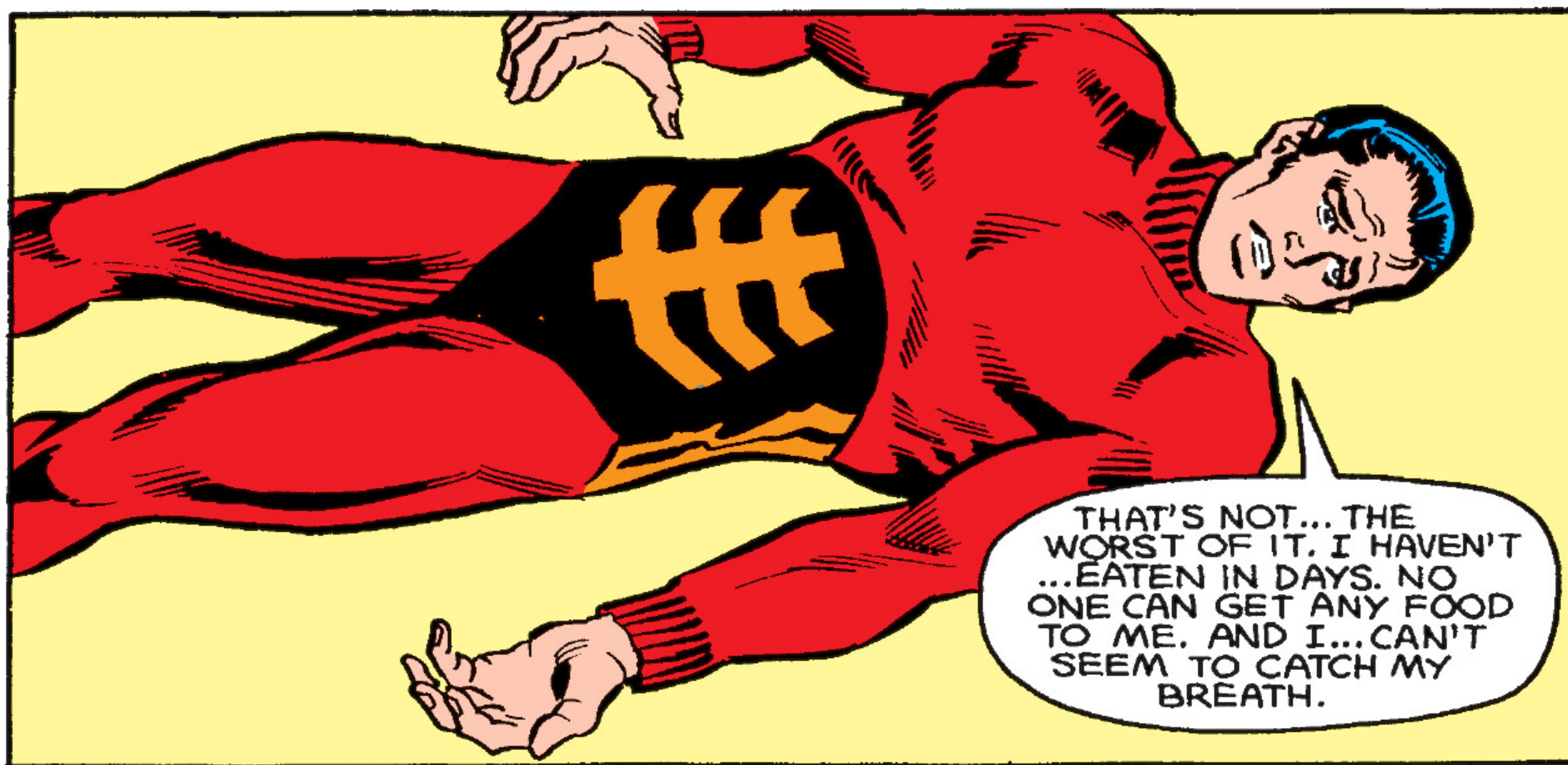
FRED... MY FRIEND. YOU'VE COME.

WE... THOUGHT MY POWER WAS GONE--SMASHED BY THE HULK*... WE WERE WRONG. IT CAME BACK STRONGER THAN EVER.

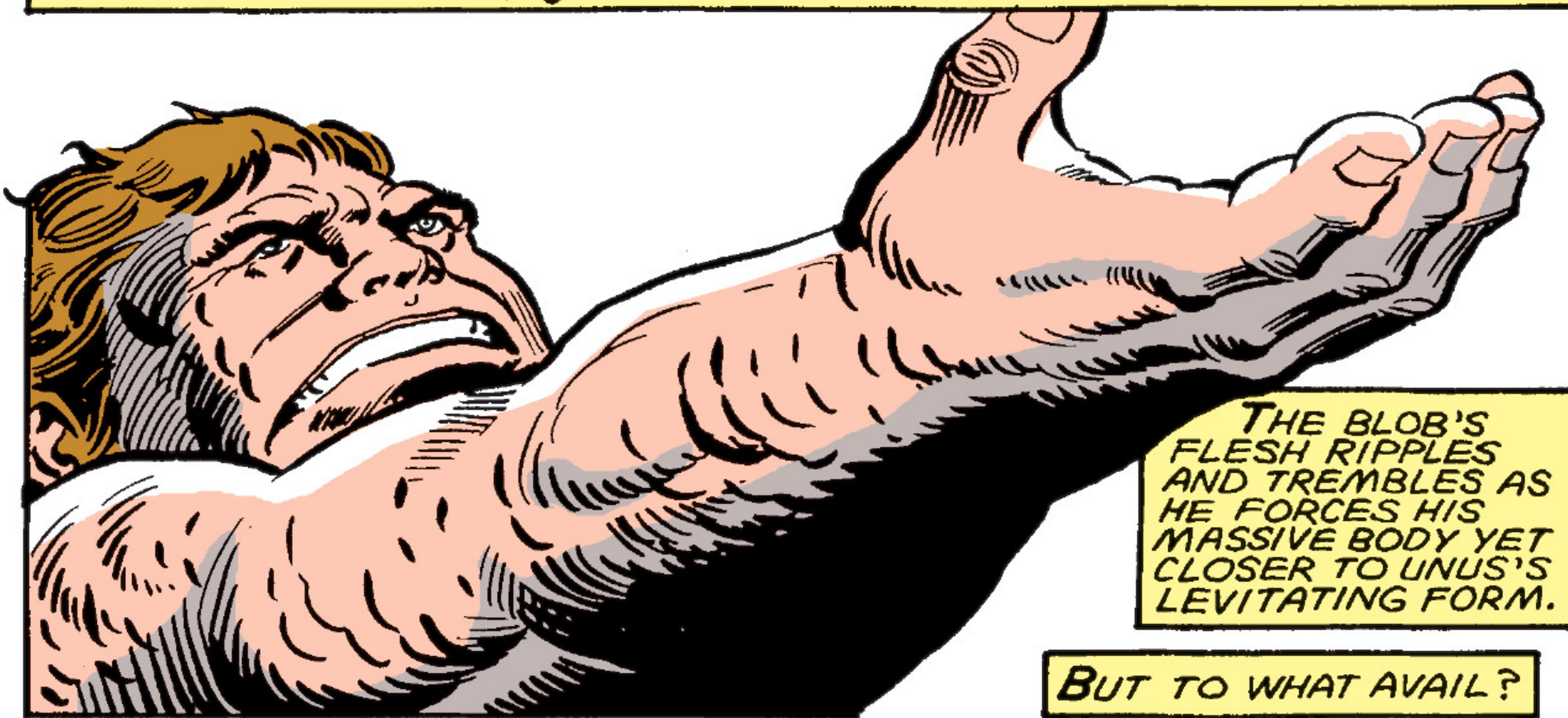
I LOST ALL CONTROL OVER IT. I CAN'T EVEN MAINTAIN MY FOOTING ON SOLID GROUND.

AND YOUR POWER TO PROPEL THINGS FROM YOUR BODY IS EVEN KEEPING THE WHOLE MAIN TENT SUPPORTED.

*AS RECOUNTED IN MARVEL FANFARE # 7 --DANNY.

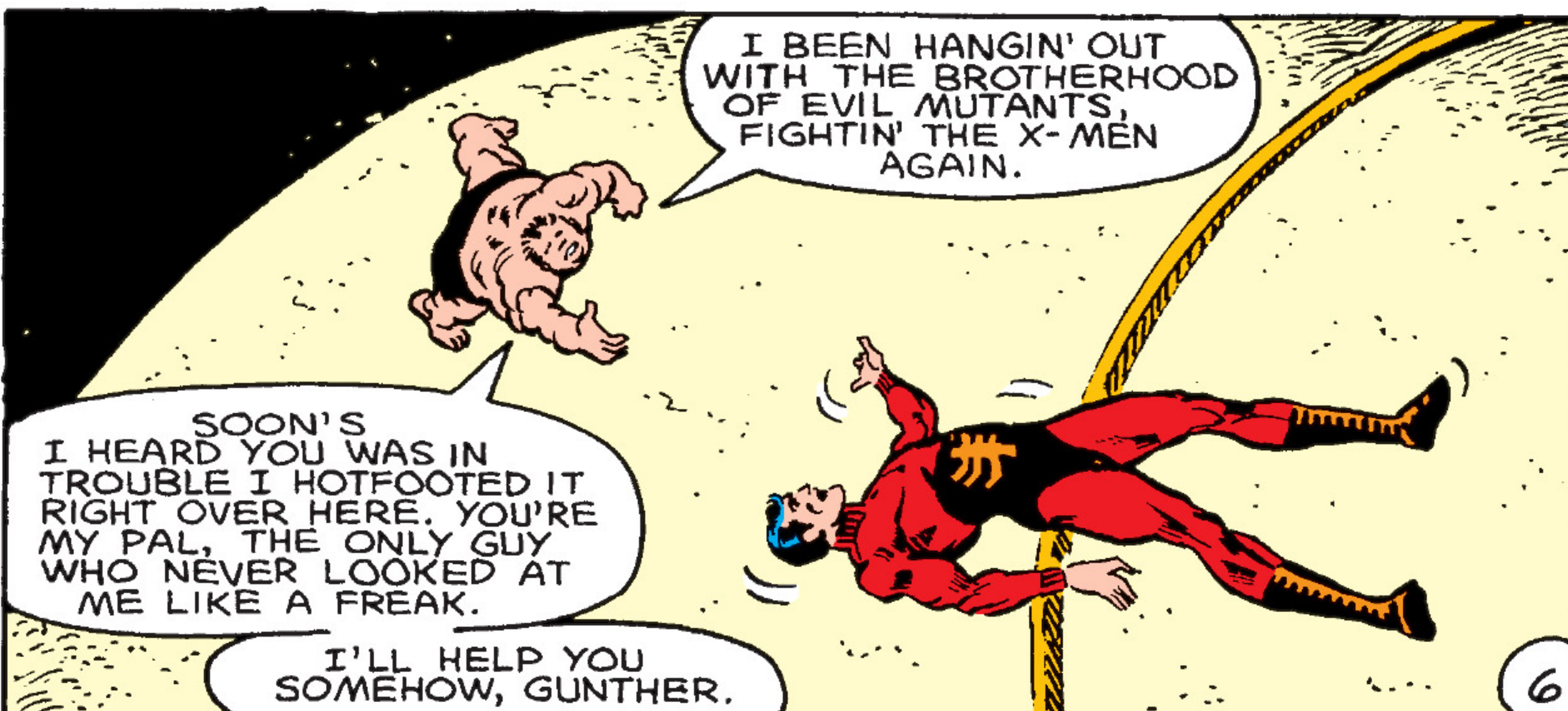


THAT'S NOT... THE WORST OF IT. I HAVEN'T ...EATEN IN DAYS. NO ONE CAN GET ANY FOOD TO ME. AND I...CAN'T SEEM TO CATCH MY BREATH.



THE BLOB'S FLESH RIPPLES AND TREMBLES AS HE FORCES HIS MASSIVE BODY YET CLOSER TO UNUS'S LEVITATING FORM.

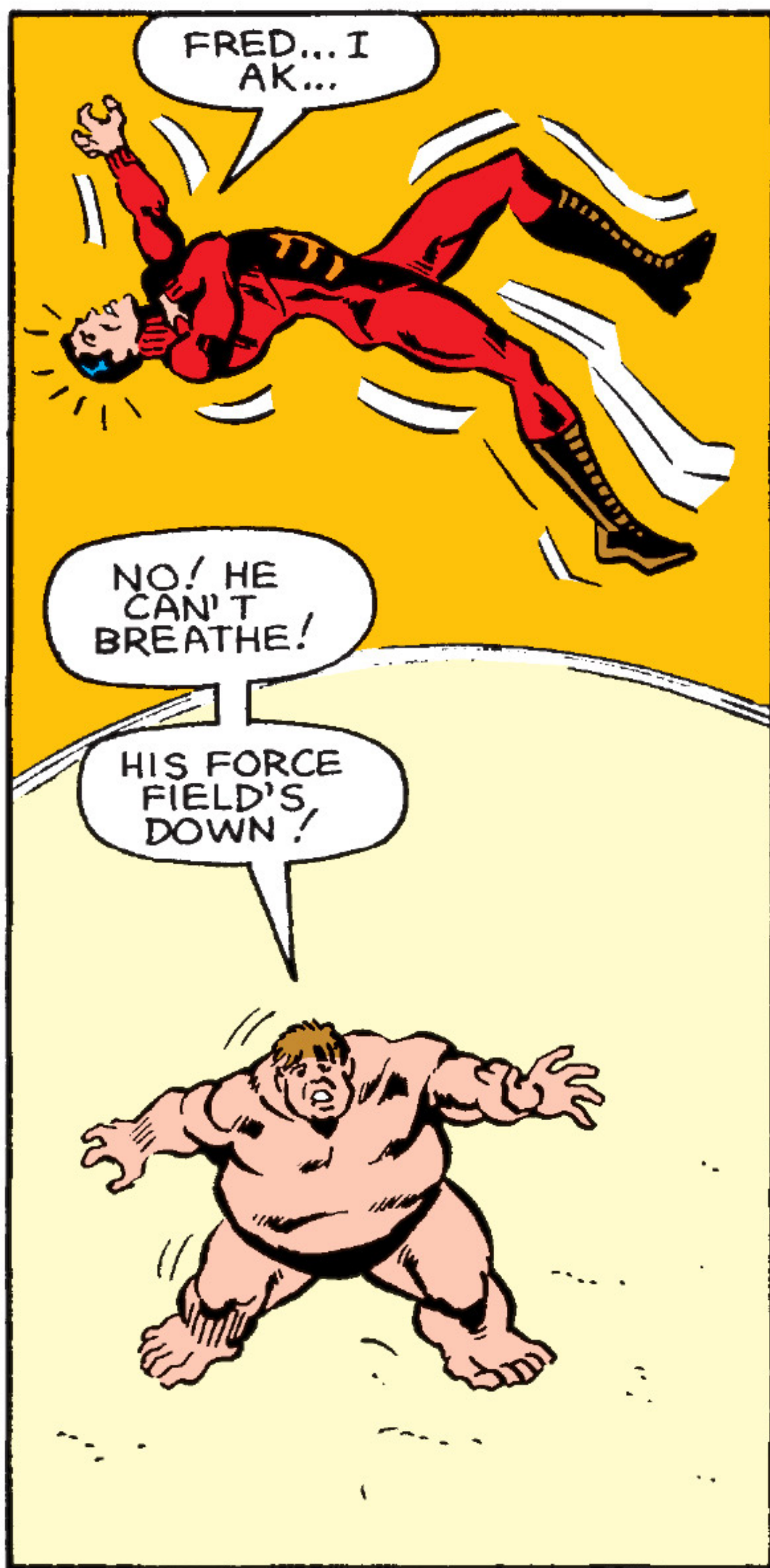
BUT TO WHAT AVAIL?



I BEEN HANGIN' OUT WITH THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS, FIGHTIN' THE X-MEN AGAIN.

SOON'S I HEARD YOU WAS IN TROUBLE I HOTFOOTED IT RIGHT OVER HERE. YOU'RE MY PAL, THE ONLY GUY WHO NEVER LOOKED AT ME LIKE A FREAK.

I'LL HELP YOU SOMEHOW, GUNTHER.



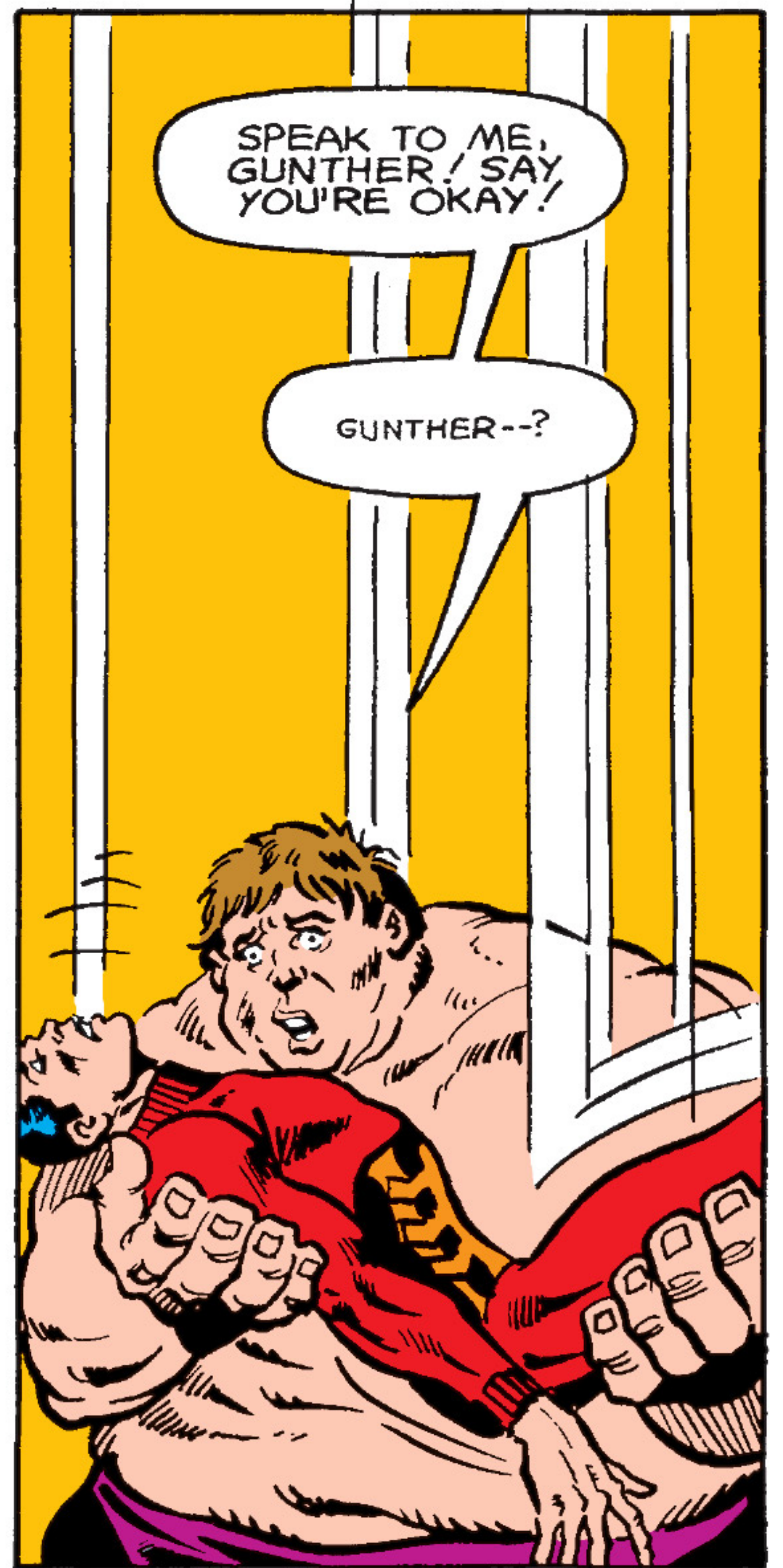
FRED... I
AK...

NO! HE
CAN'T
BREATHE!

HIS FORCE
FIELD'S
DOWN!

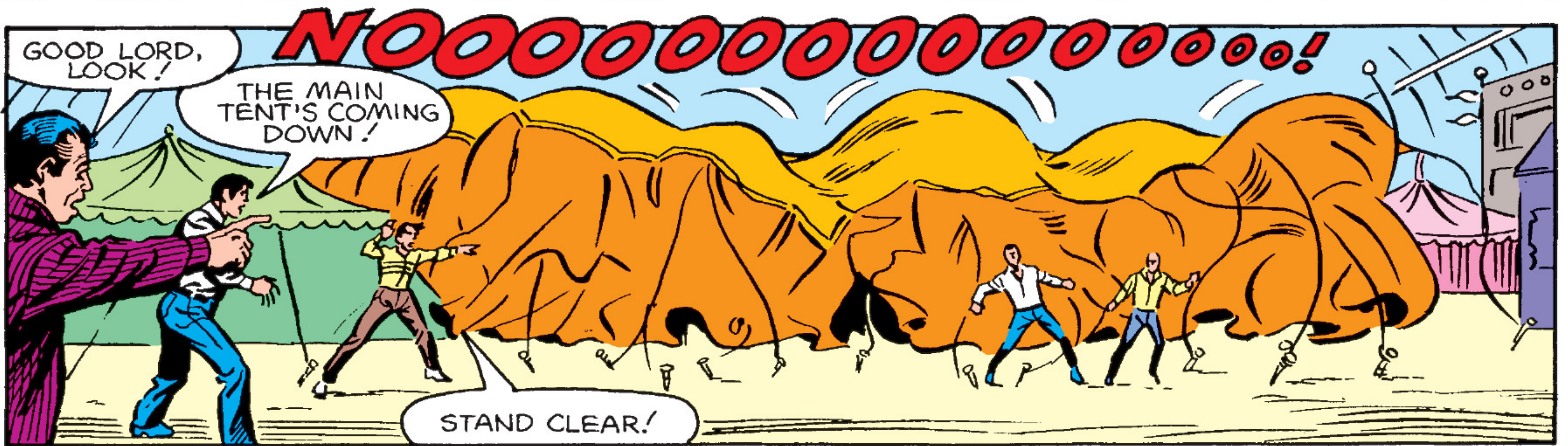


HE--HE'S
FALLIN'!



SPEAK TO ME,
GUNTHER! SAY
YOU'RE OKAY!

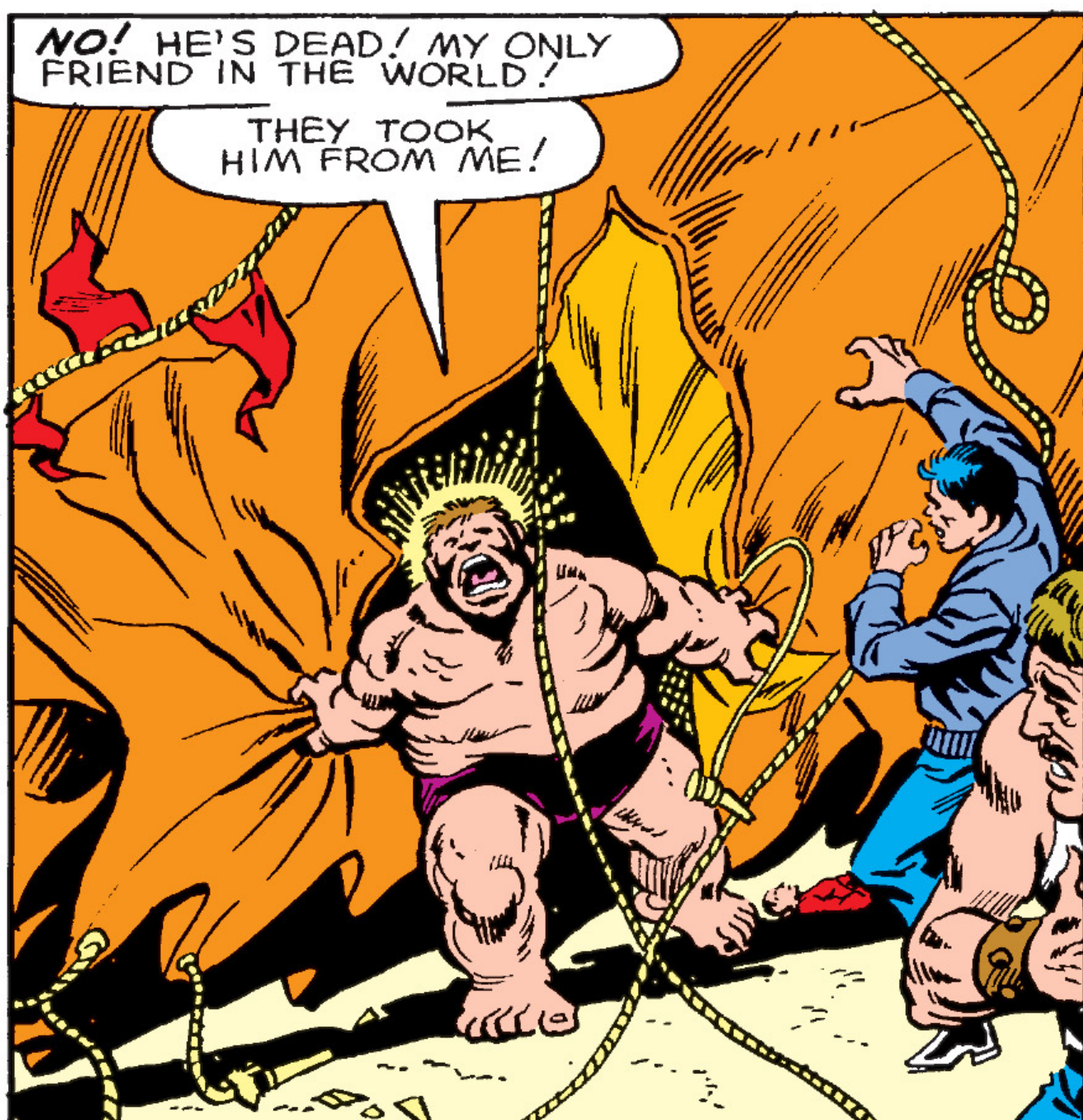
GUNTHER--?



GOOD LORD,
LOOK!

THE MAIN
TENT'S COMING
DOWN!

STAND CLEAR!



NO! HE'S DEAD! MY ONLY
FRIEND IN THE WORLD!

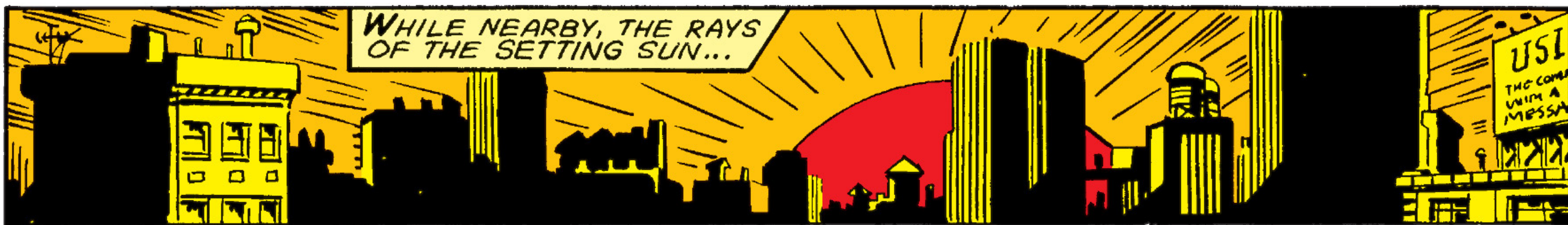
THEY TOOK
HIM FROM ME!



"FRED J. DUKES HAS A FRIEND--
LET'S KILL HIM!" THAT'S WHAT
THEY SAID!

I'LL MAKE THEM
PAY! ALL OF THEM!

AND SO, BLINDED BY THE PAIN OF HIS GRIEF,
THE BLOB LURCHES OUT INTO THE NIGHT
VOWING TO MAKE OTHERS KNOW LIKE PAIN!



WHILE NEARBY, THE RAYS OF THE SETTING SUN...

...FILTERING THROUGH THE SLATS OF A HALF-DRAWN VENETIAN BLIND, HELP ROUSE A CERTAIN PETER PARKER, BETTER KNOWN AS THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!

YAWN! I DON'T KNOW WHICH TIRED ME OUT MORE, SAVING THE UNIVERSE--

--OR SPENDING AN EVENING MESSING AROUND THE ROOFTOPS WITH THE BLACK CAT.

LOOKS LIKE I MANAGED TO SLEEP THE DAY AWAY.

I'D BETTER GET DRESSED AND GET OUT OF HERE. I'VE GOT A WHOLE LOST WEEK TO MAKE UP FOR.

HERE COMES MY COSTUME FLOWING ACROSS THE FLOOR TOWARDS ME.

I WONDER IF I'LL EVER GET USED TO THE WAY IT SEEMS TO OBEY MY VERY THOUGHTS--

--TURNS INTO STREET CLOTHES WHEN I NEED 'EM, OR MY SPIDEY SUIT WHEN *THAT'S* CALLED FOR.

IF I COULD TEACH IT TO SHAVE ME I'D REALLY HAVE A GOOD THING GOING!

PARKER!

MRS. MUGGINS. HOW'S NEW YORK'S FINEST LANDLADY DOING THIS EVENING?

DON'T TRY TO SWEET TALK ME! YOUR RENT'S OVERDUE BY A WEEK! PLUS, I SAW THAT WEIRD CHICKIE OF YOURS SNEAKIN' OUT OF YOUR APARTMENT THE OTHER NIGHT!

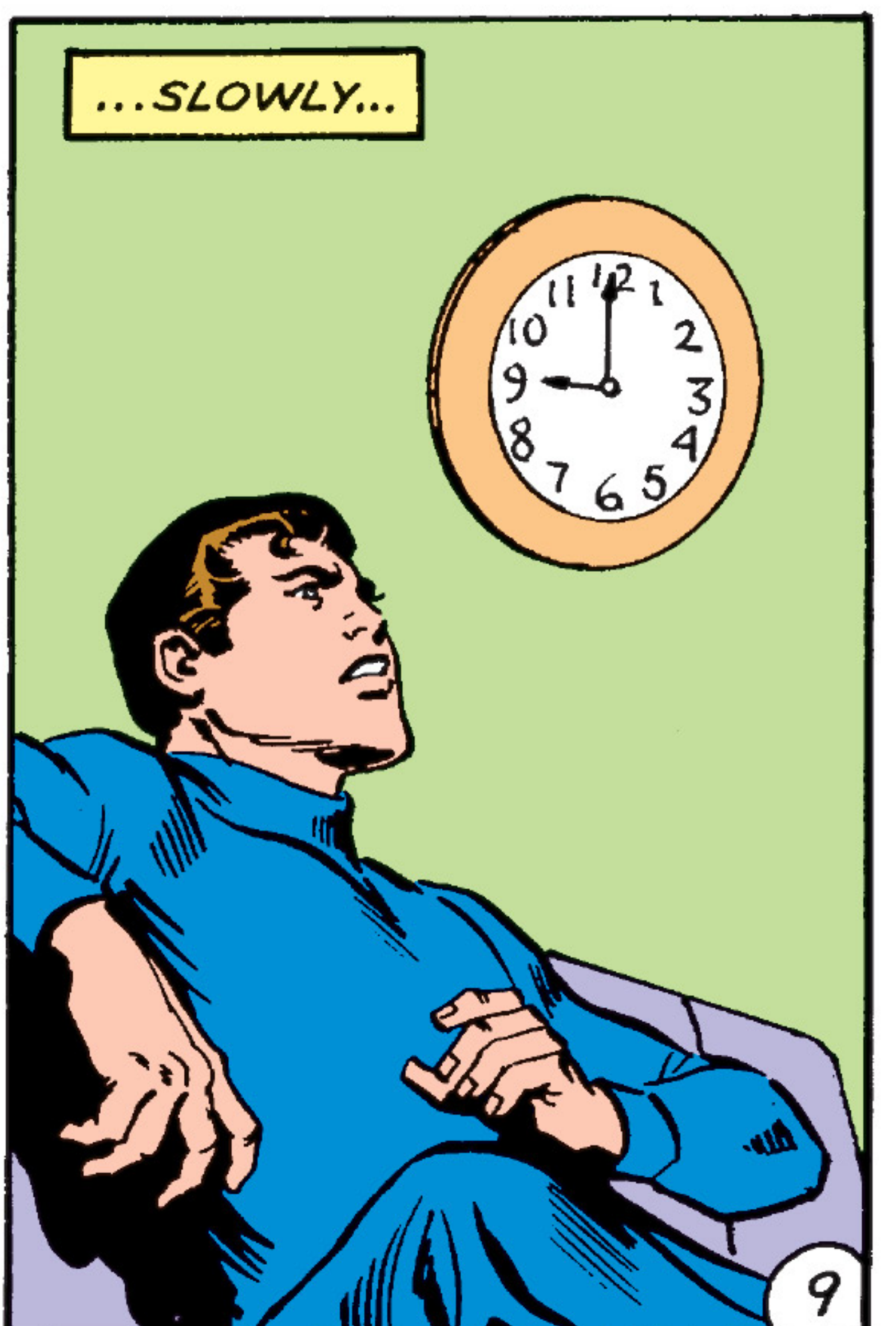
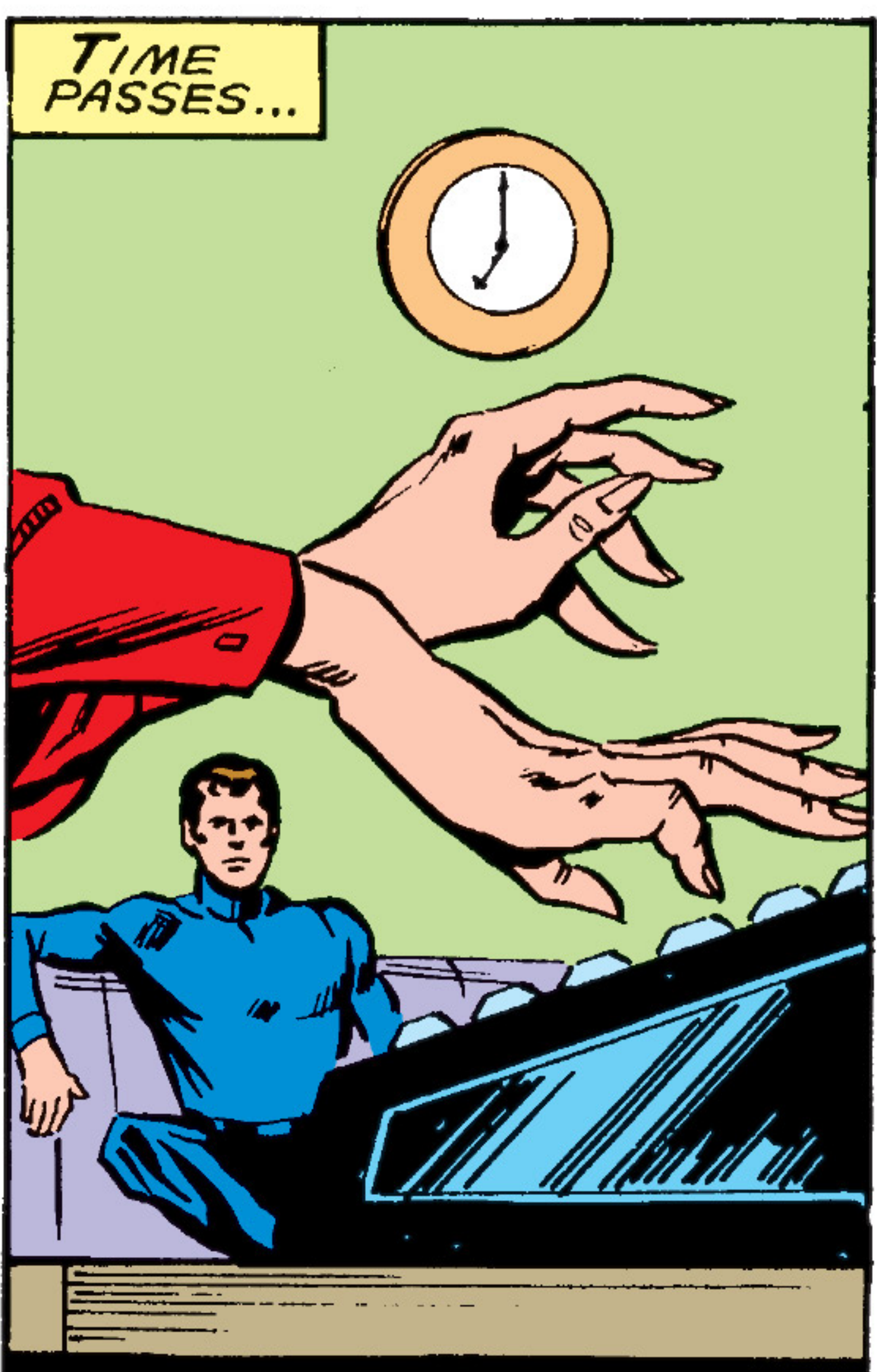
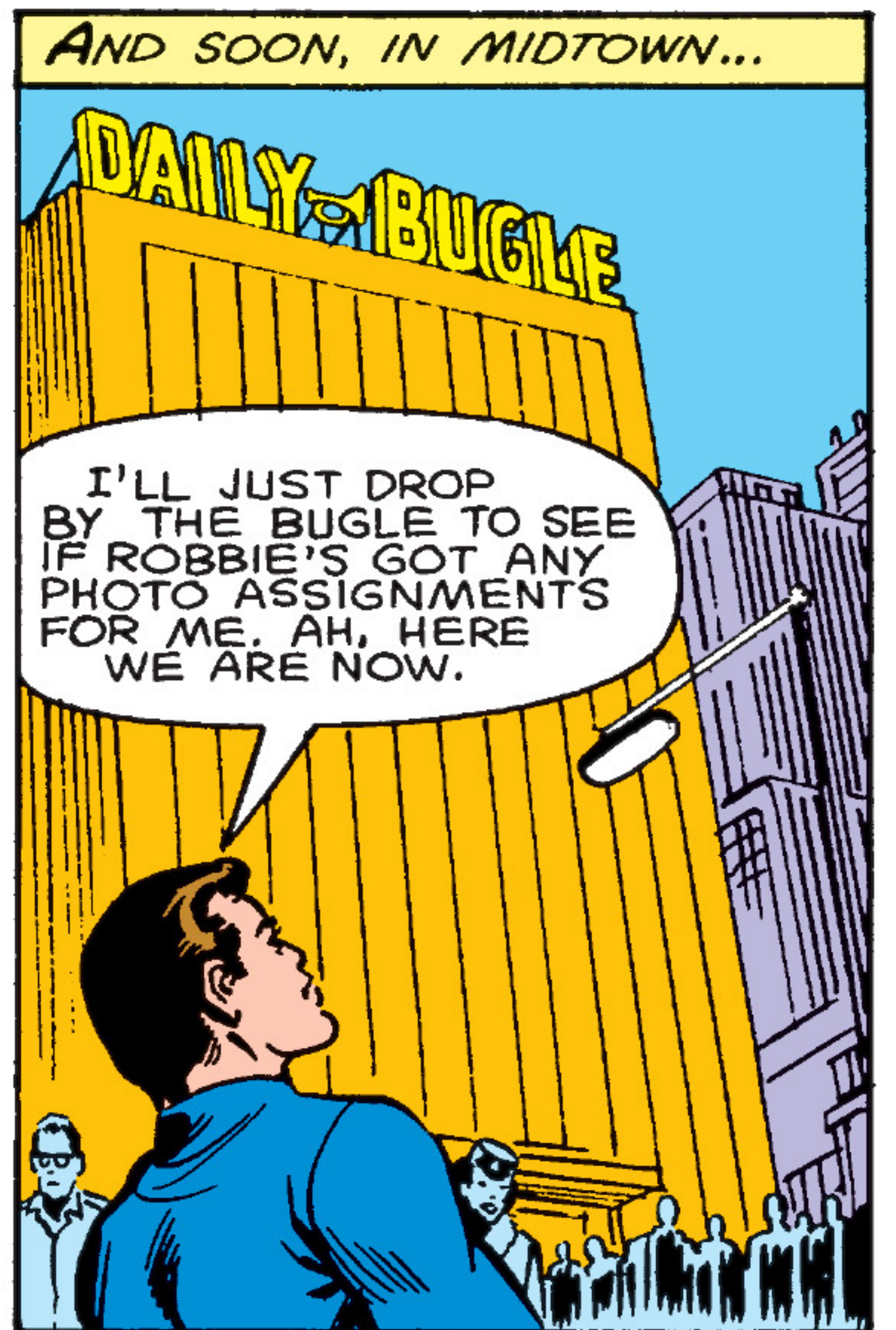
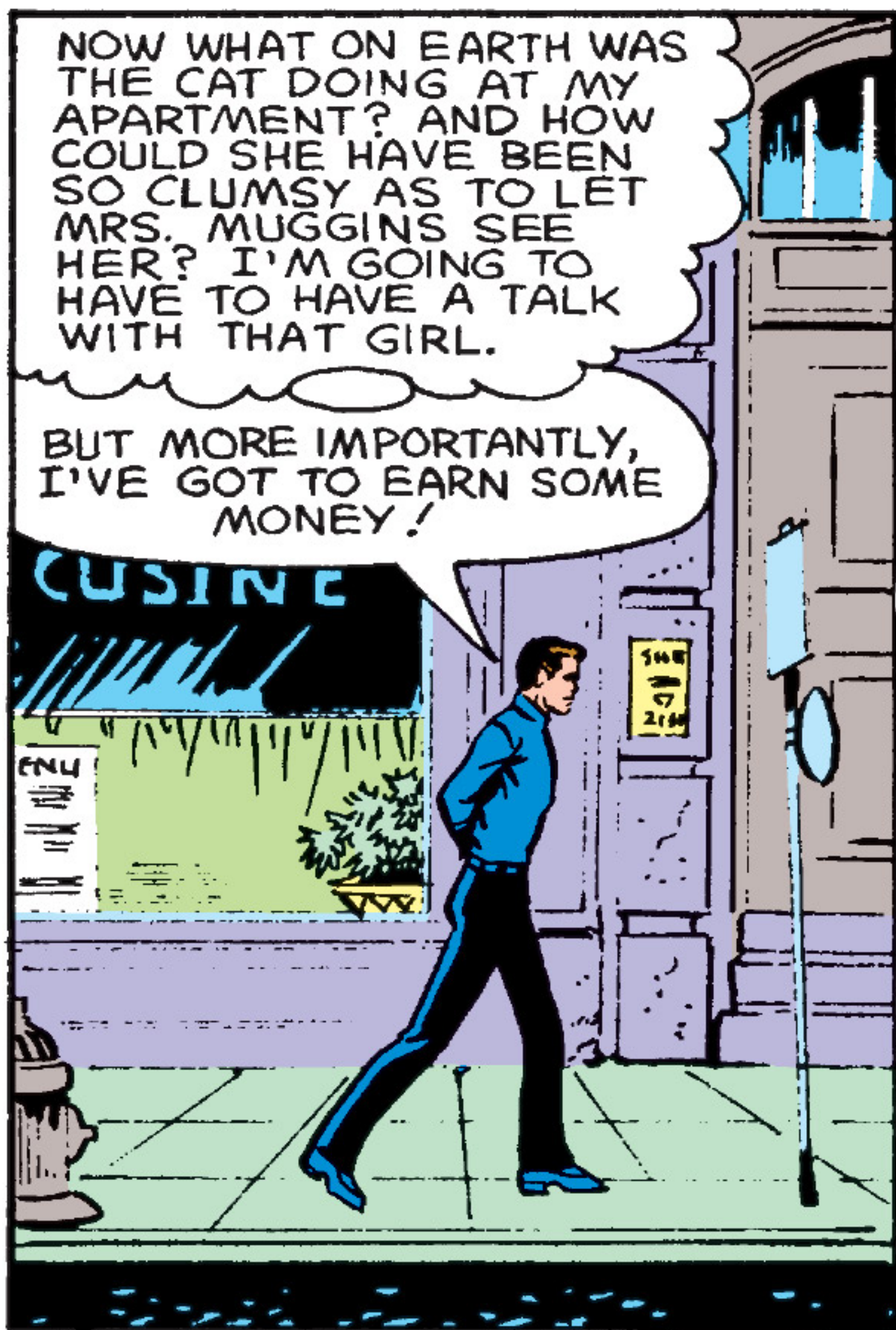
YOU KNOW, THE ONE WITH THE MASK AND THE BLACK SILK LONG JOHNS.

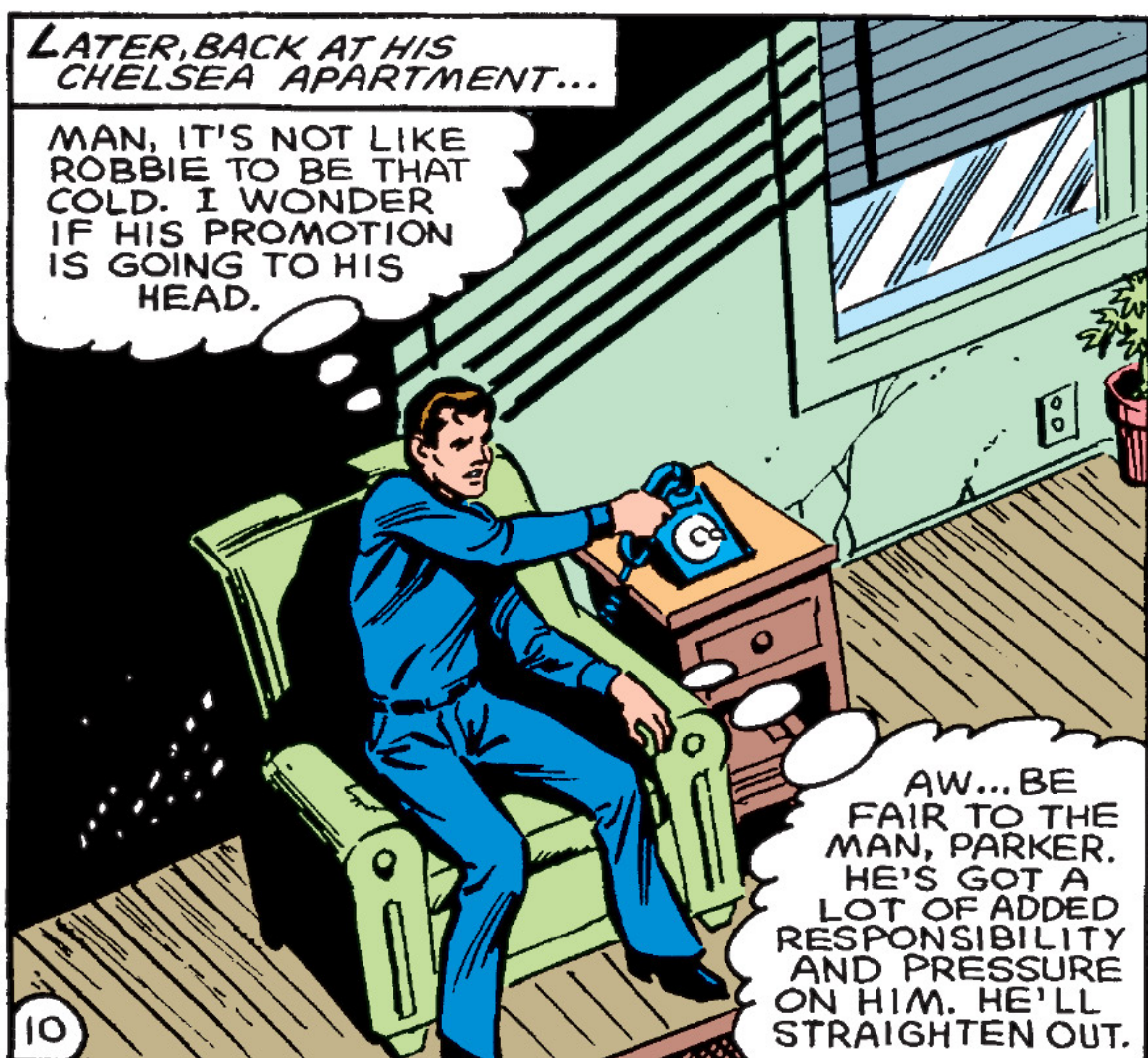
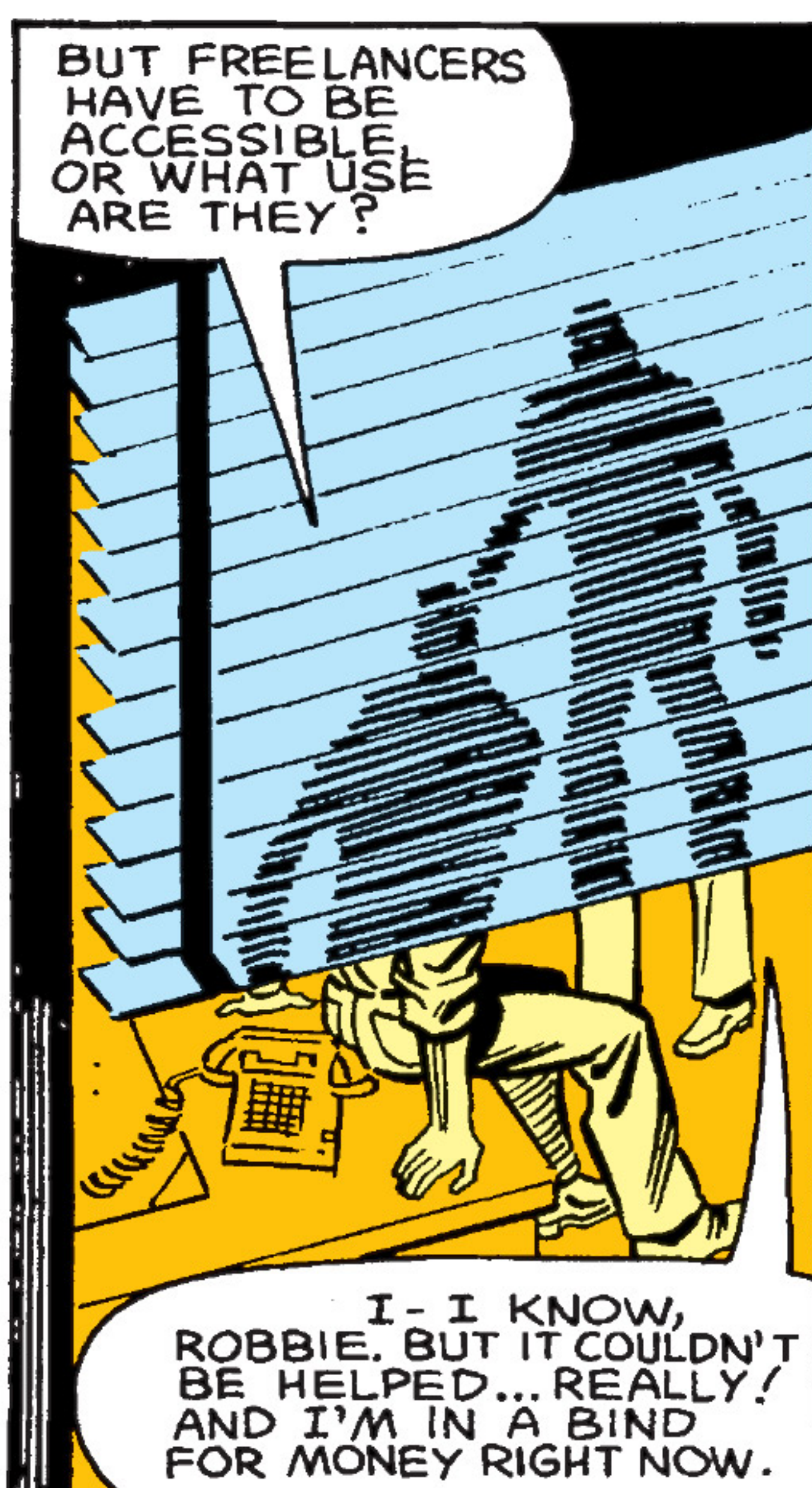
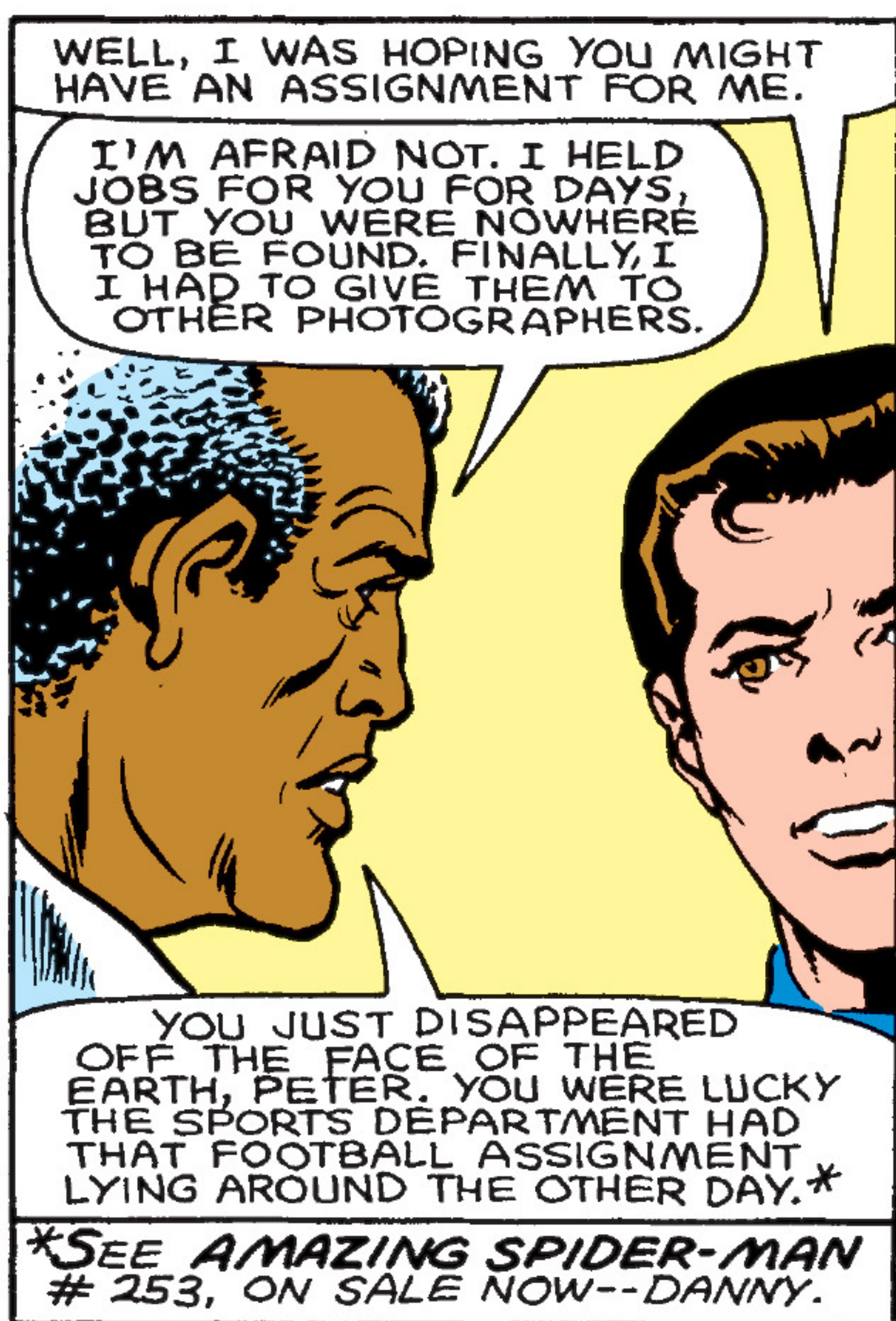
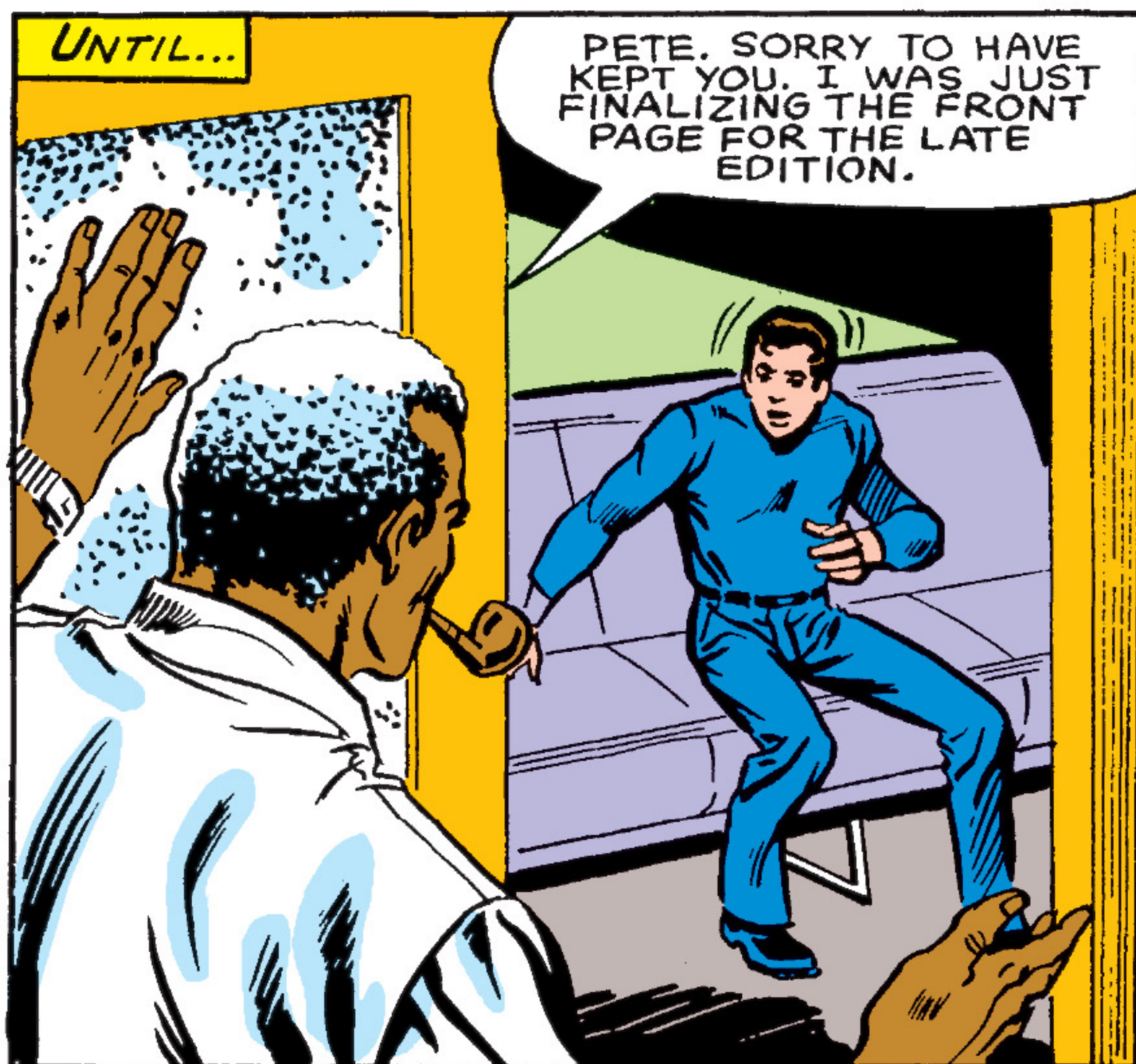
THE BLACK CAT--HERE?!

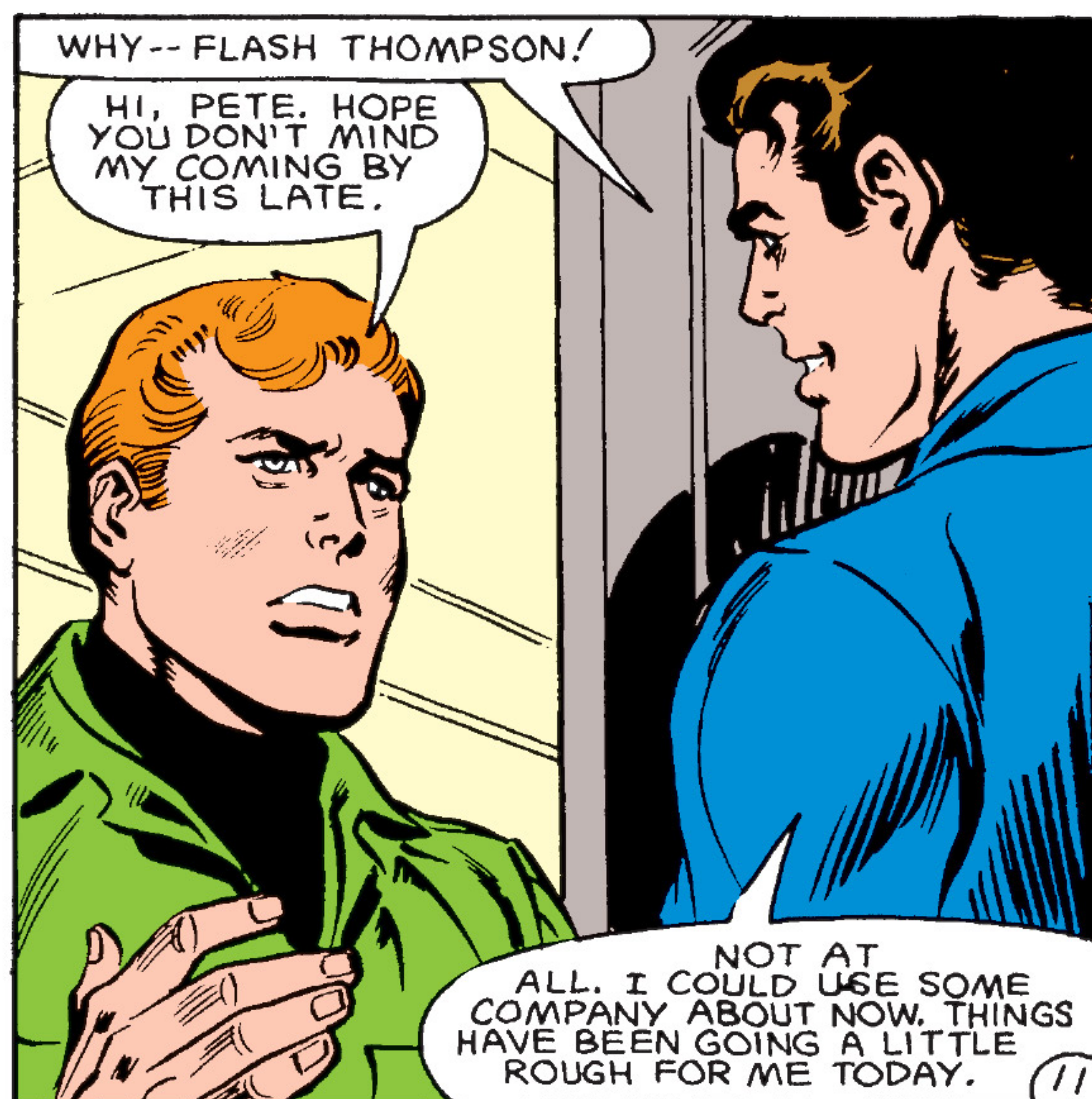
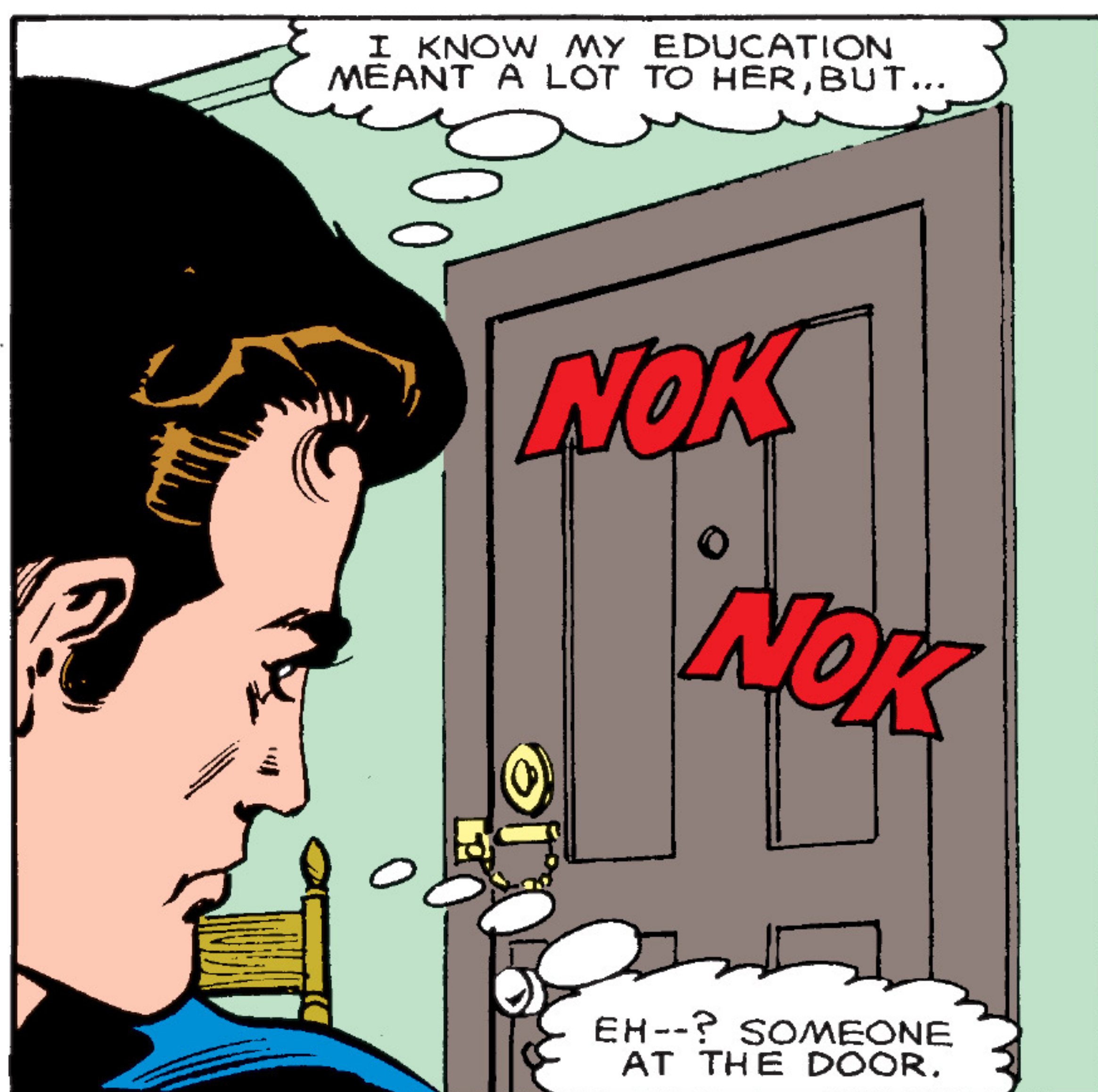
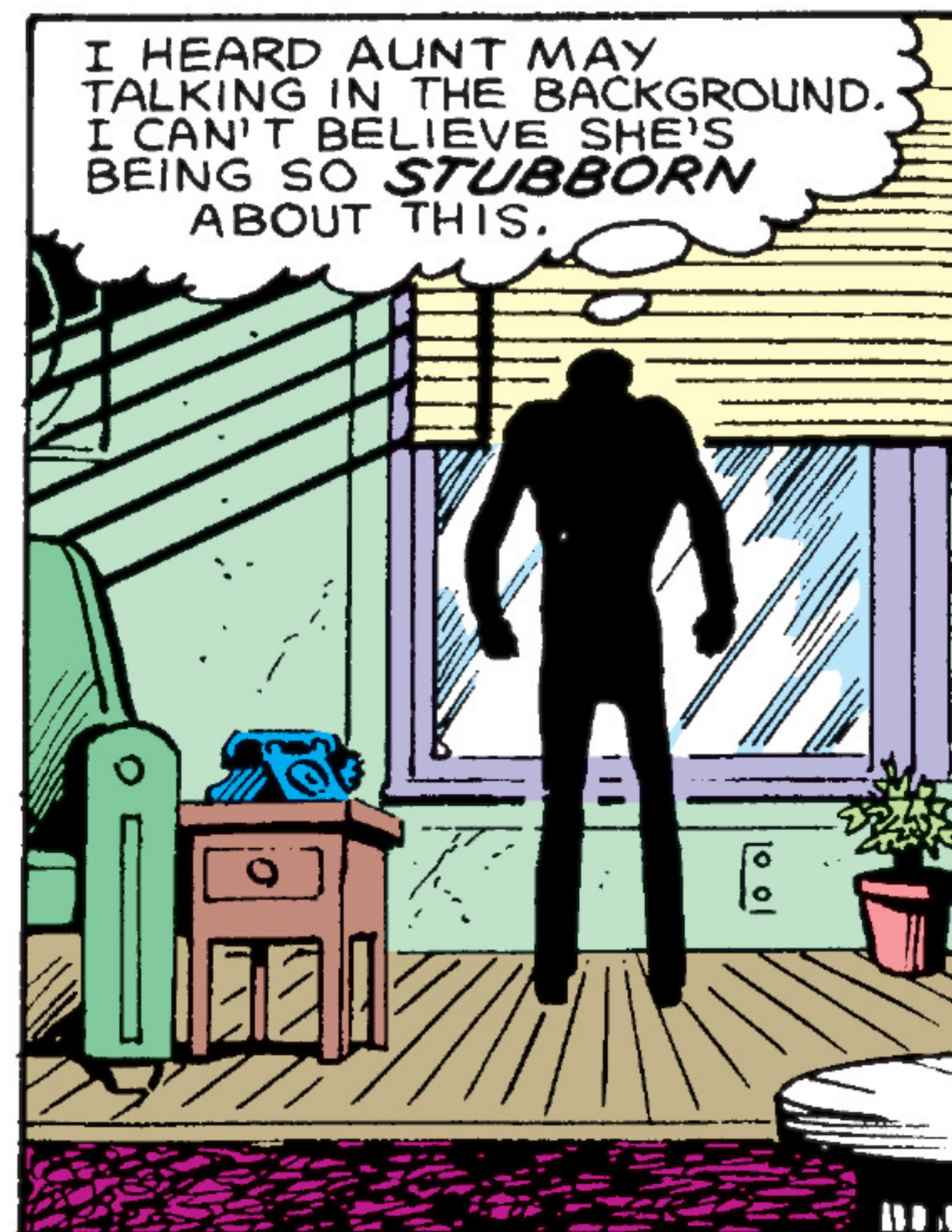
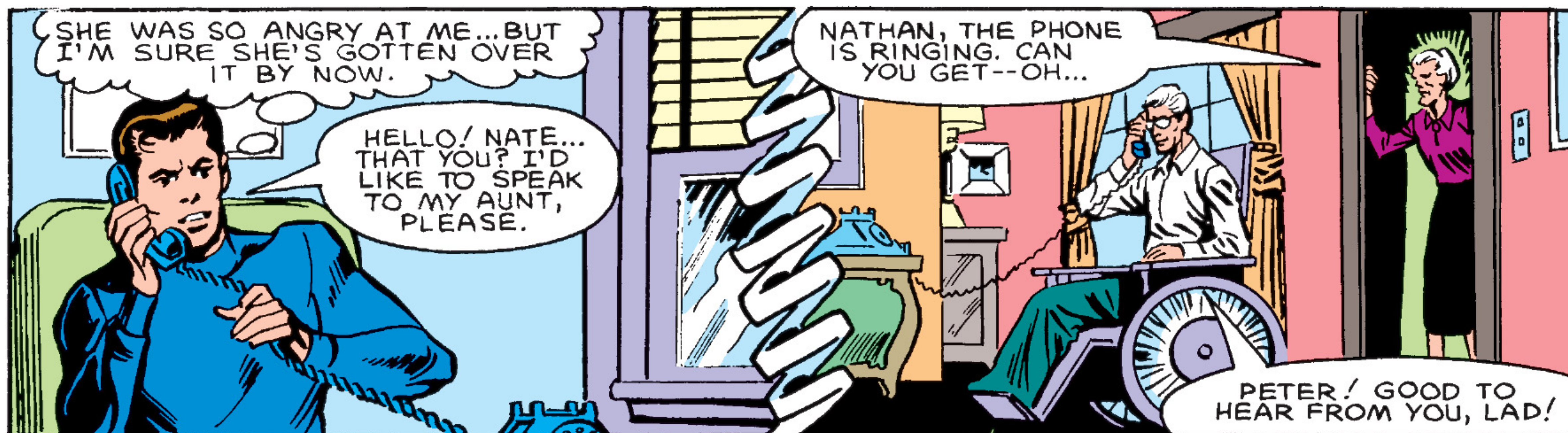
I RUN A CLEAN HOUSE HERE, PARKER. I DON'T WANT NONE OF THAT KINKY STUFF GOING ON! AND I WANT MY RENT. PRONTO!

YES, MA'AM!

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TELL ME ABOUT IT. MY LIFE HAS NEVER BEEN SO FOULED UP. I'VE JUST GOTTA TALK TO SOMEBODY ABOUT IT, AND I DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE TO TURN TO.

BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR GIRLFRIEND, SHA SHAN?



SHE'S THE PROBLEM. WELL, PART OF IT, ANYWAY.

AFTER THAT CRAZY ADVENTURE THAT BROUGHT HER OVER HERE FROM VIET NAM, SHE AND I STARTED DATING... THEN WE GOT MORE AND MORE SERIOUS -- SPENDING ALL OUR TIME TOGETHER...

EVERYTHING WAS FINE AT FIRST. BUT THEN SHE BEGAN CHANGING.



SHE USED TO BE THE IDEAL WOMAN: SWEET, LOVING, SUPPORTIVE. BUT SHE STARTED TAKING THOSE ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES AND GETTING OUT ON HER OWN...

SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO US... I DON'T SEEM TO RATE ANYMORE!

BUT DON'T YOU SEE, FLASH? SHE'S JUST... GROWING. SHE CAME FROM A CULTURE WHERE WOMEN ARE MUCH MORE REPRESSED. NATURALLY, WHEN SHE MOVED TO THIS COUNTRY...



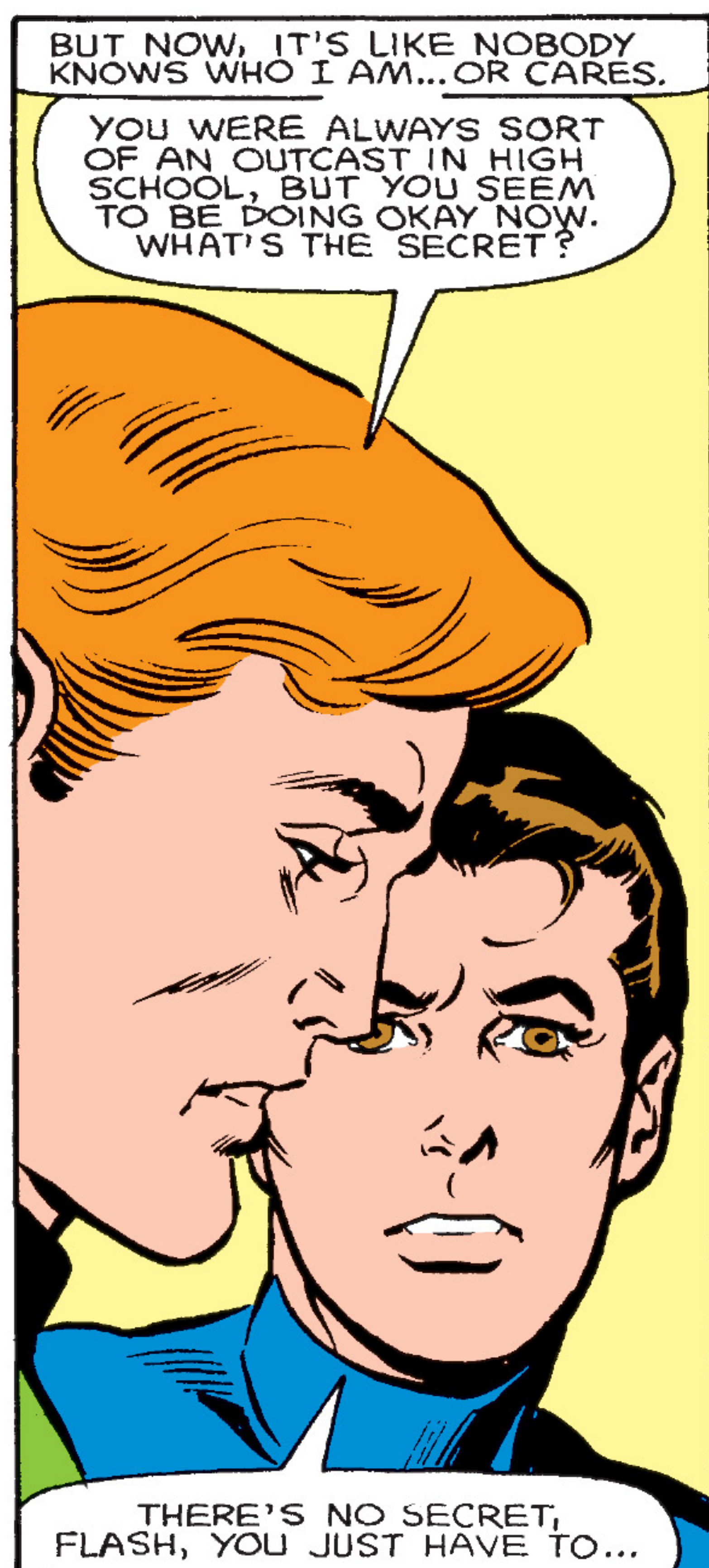
I-I SUPPOSE. BUT I DON'T LIKE IT. AND THIS WHOLE THING ABOUT ME BEING OUT IN THE "REAL WORLD" GETS TO ME.

BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL I WAS HOT STUFF. CAPTAIN OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM-- B. M. O. C. * EVEN AFTER THAT, WHEN I WAS IN THE ARMY AND IN COLLEGE FOR A WHILE, THINGS WEREN'T TOO BAD.

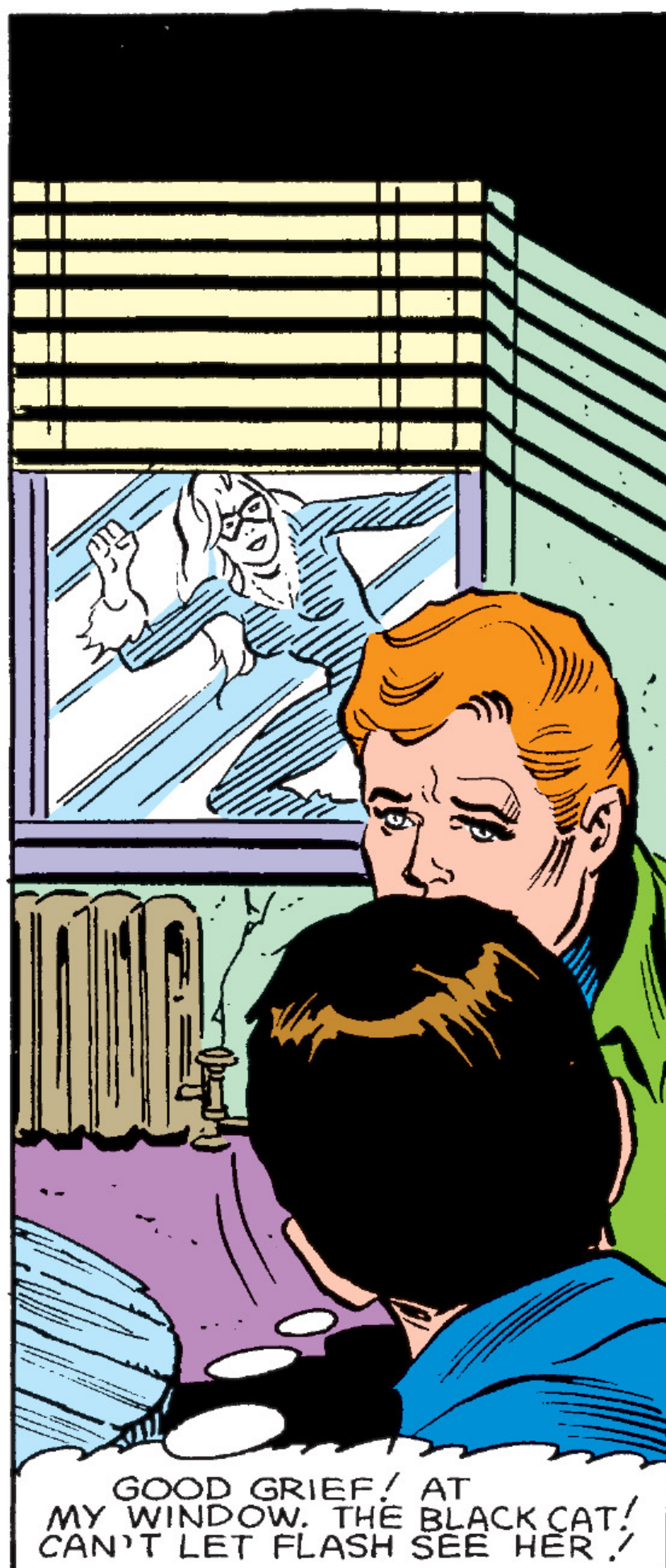
***BIG MAN ON CAMPUS-- DANNY.**

BUT NOW, IT'S LIKE NOBODY KNOWS WHO I AM... OR CARES.

YOU WERE ALWAYS SORT OF AN OUTCAST IN HIGH SCHOOL, BUT YOU SEEM TO BE DOING OKAY NOW. WHAT'S THE SECRET?



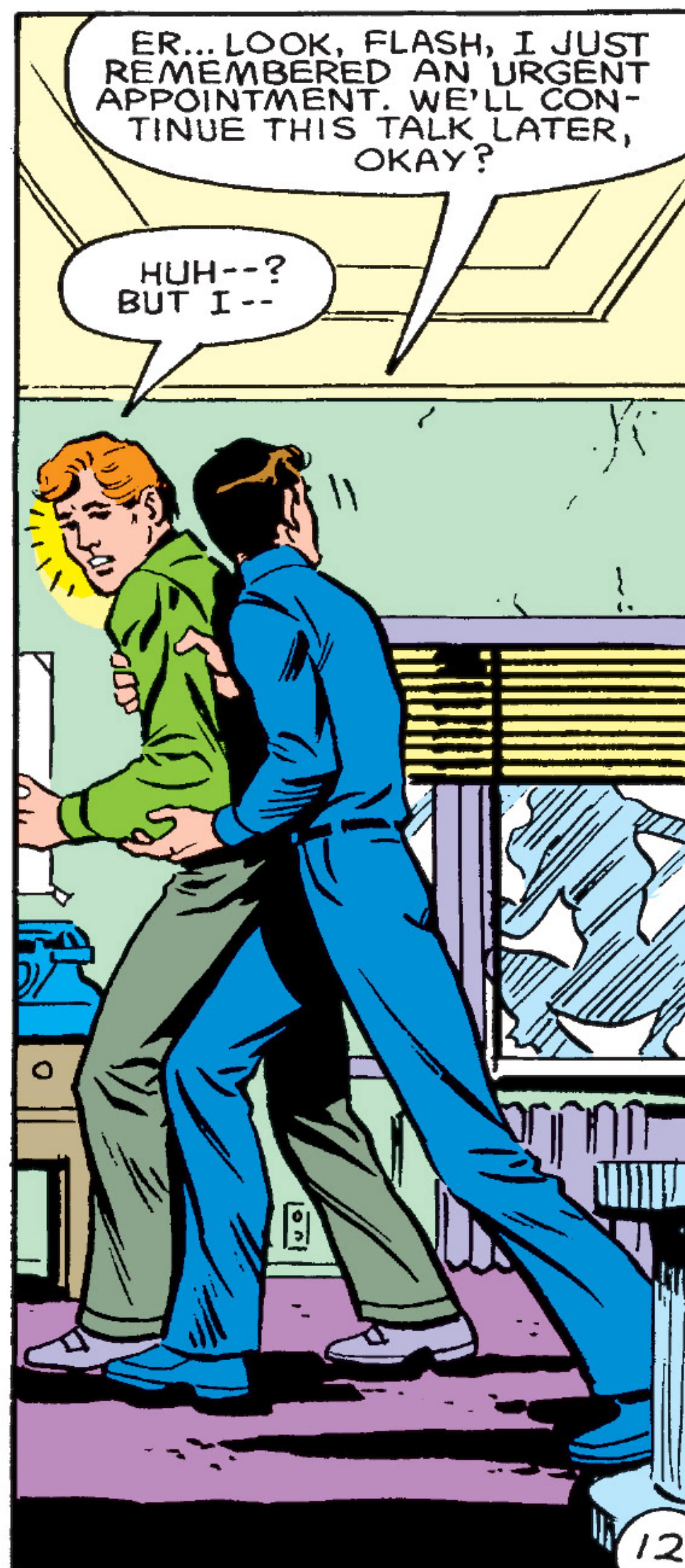
THERE'S NO SECRET, FLASH, YOU JUST HAVE TO...



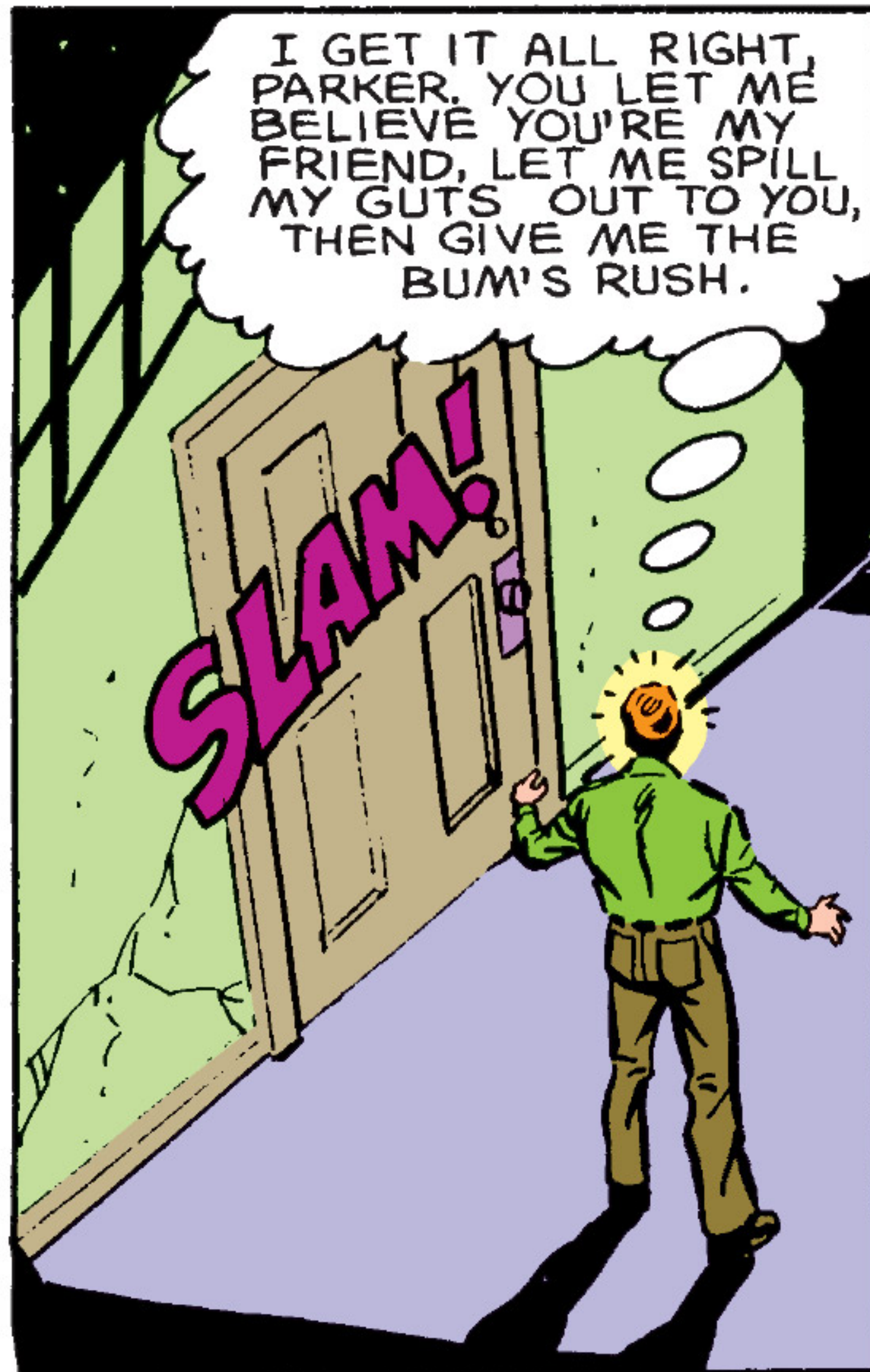
GOOD GRIEF! AT MY WINDOW. THE BLACK CAT! CAN'T LET FLASH SEE HER!

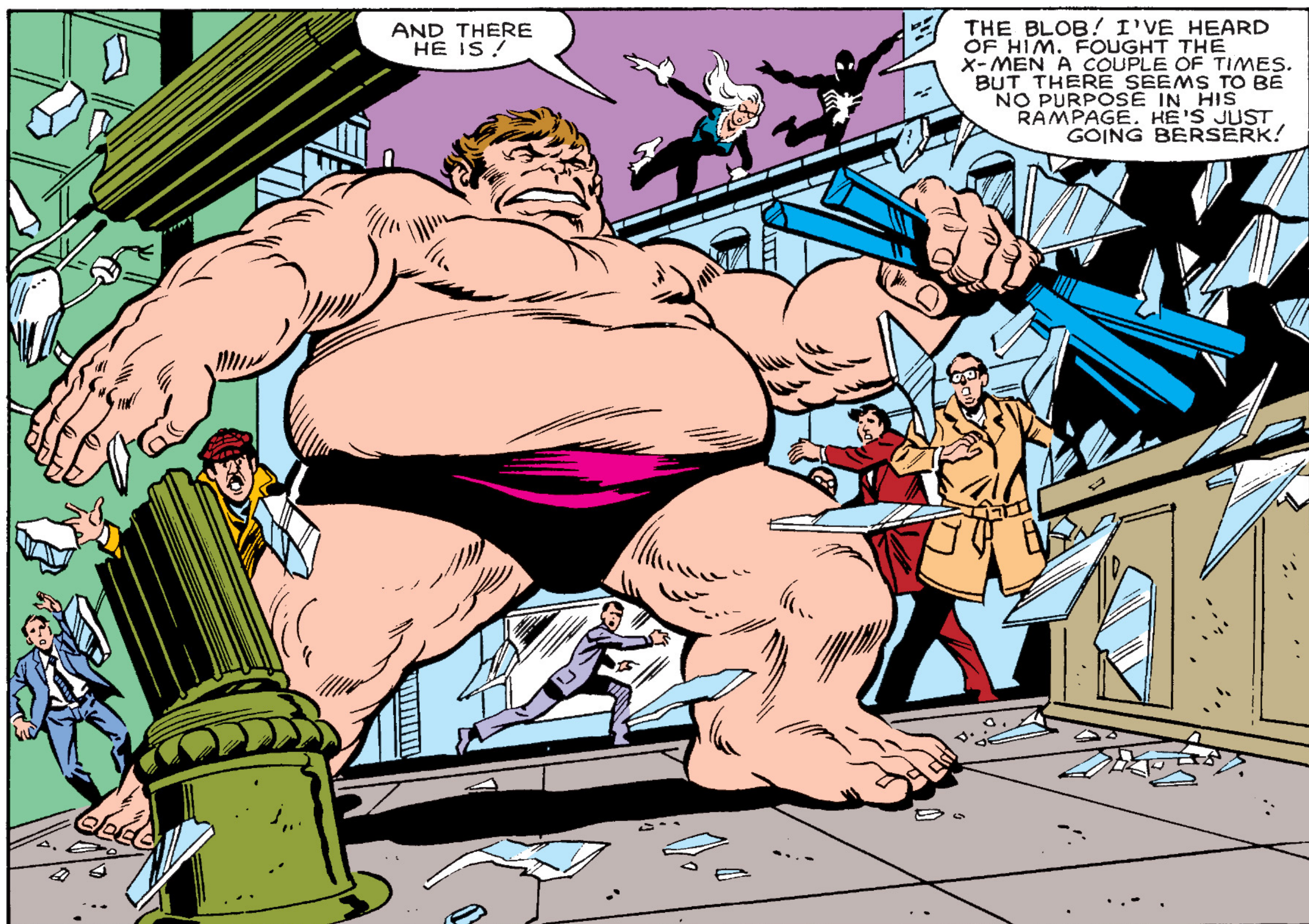
ER... LOOK, FLASH, I JUST REMEMBERED AN URGENT APPOINTMENT. WE'LL CONTINUE THIS TALK LATER, OKAY?

HUH--? BUT I--



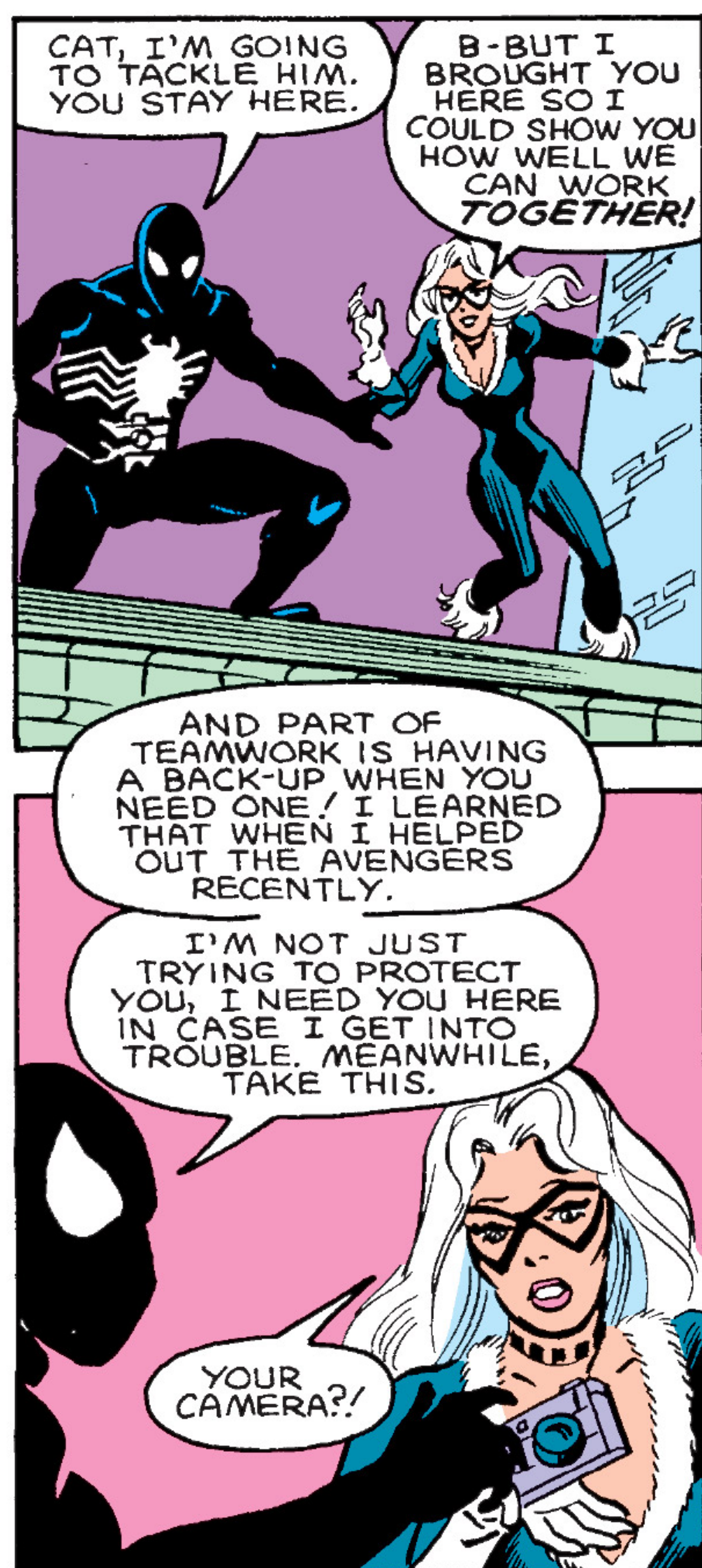
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AND THERE HE IS!

THE BLOB! I'VE HEARD OF HIM. FOUGHT THE X-MEN A COUPLE OF TIMES. BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE NO PURPOSE IN HIS RAMPAGE. HE'S JUST GOING BERSERK!



CAT, I'M GOING TO TACKLE HIM. YOU STAY HERE.

B-BUT I BROUGHT YOU HERE SO I COULD SHOW YOU HOW WELL WE CAN WORK **TOGETHER!**

AND PART OF TEAMWORK IS HAVING A BACK-UP WHEN YOU NEED ONE! I LEARNED THAT WHEN I HELPED OUT THE AVENGERS RECENTLY.

I'M NOT JUST TRYING TO PROTECT YOU, I NEED YOU HERE IN CASE I GET INTO TROUBLE. MEANWHILE, TAKE THIS.

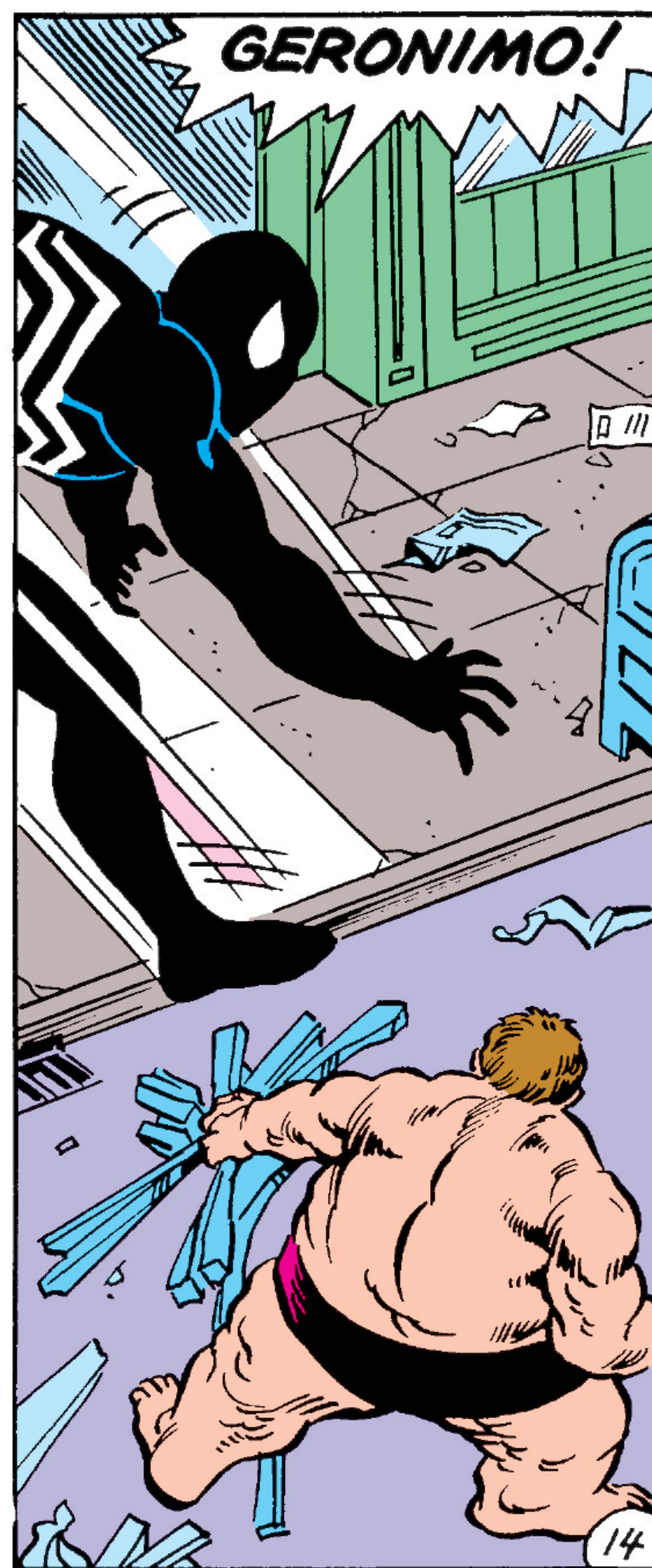
YOUR CAMERA?!



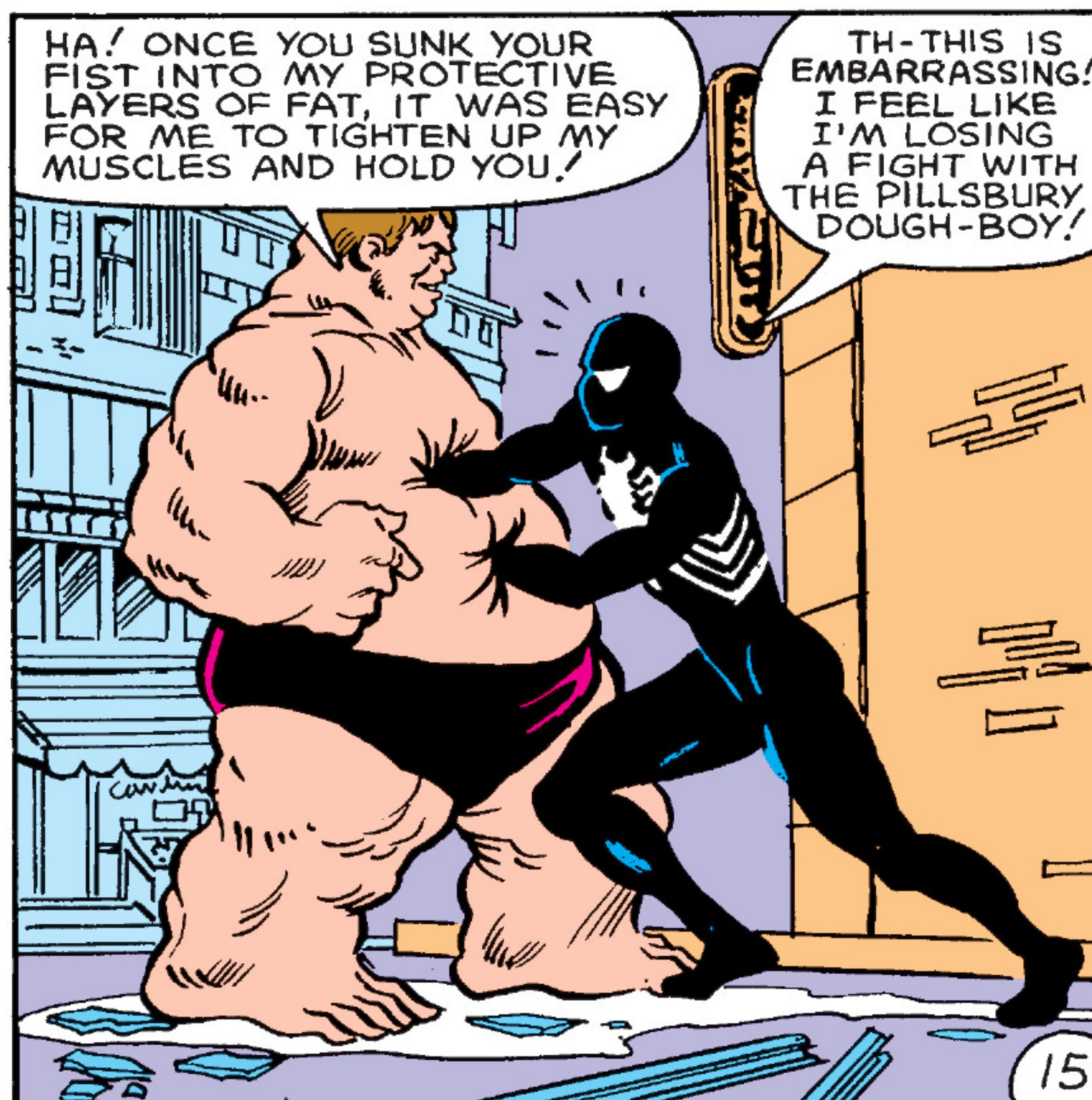
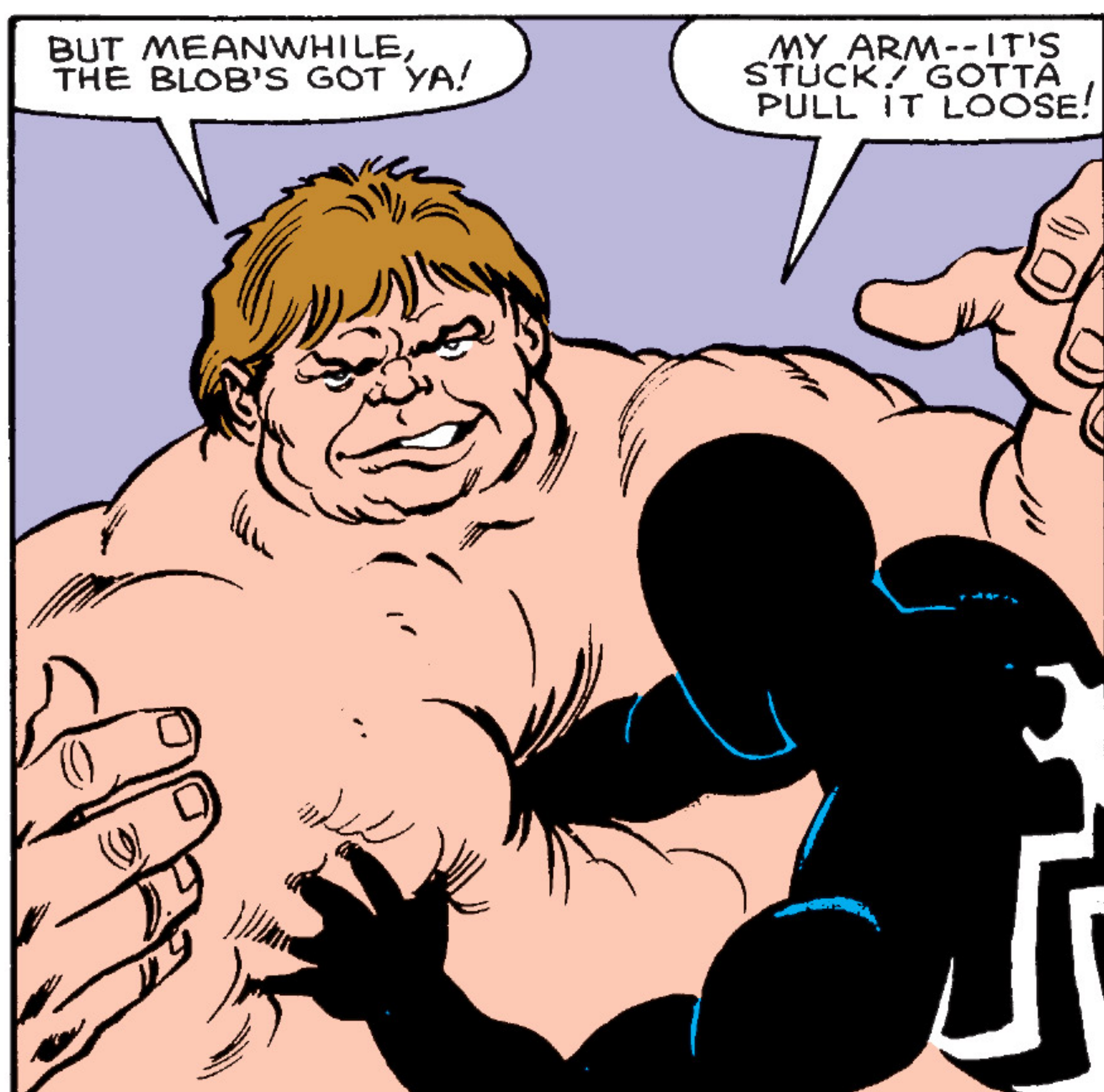
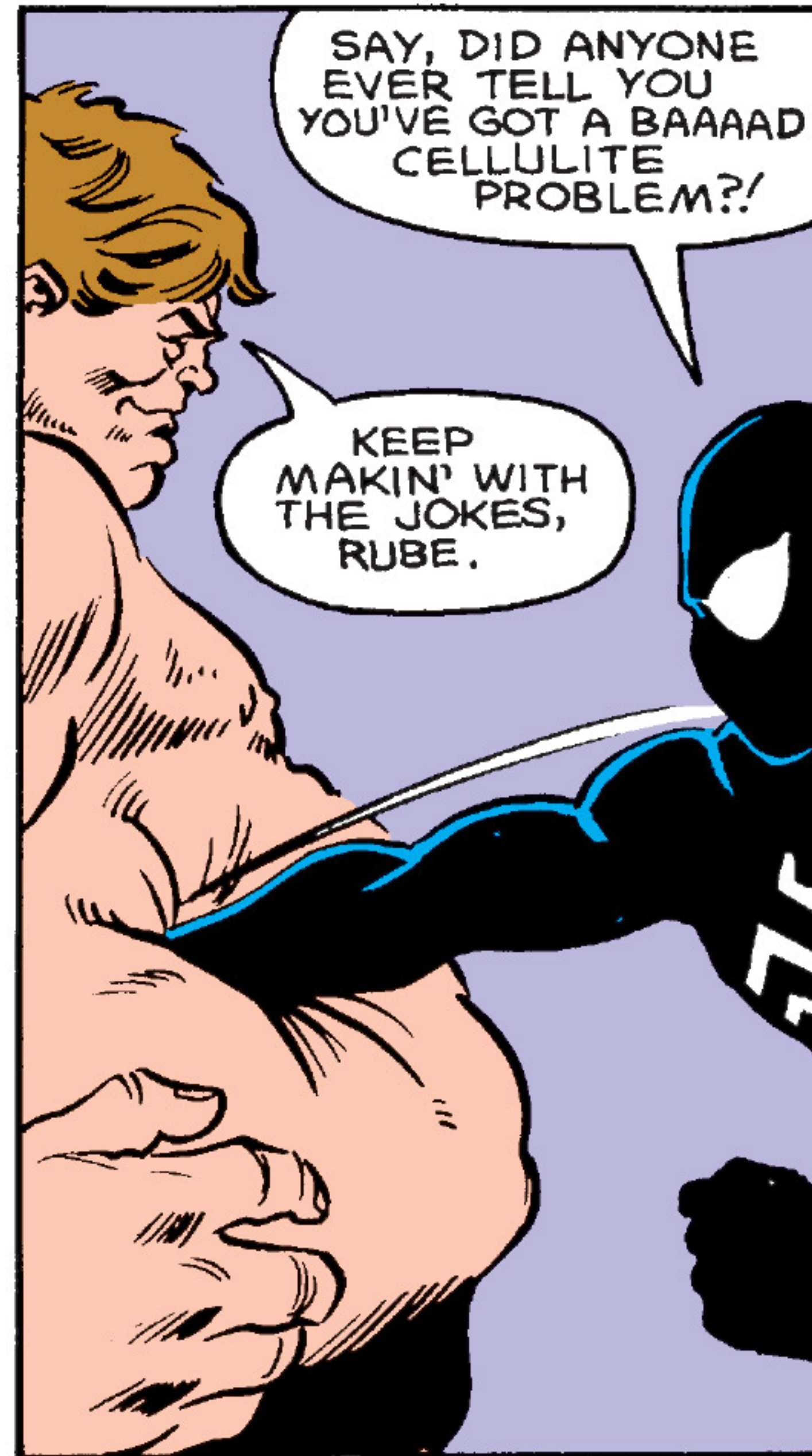
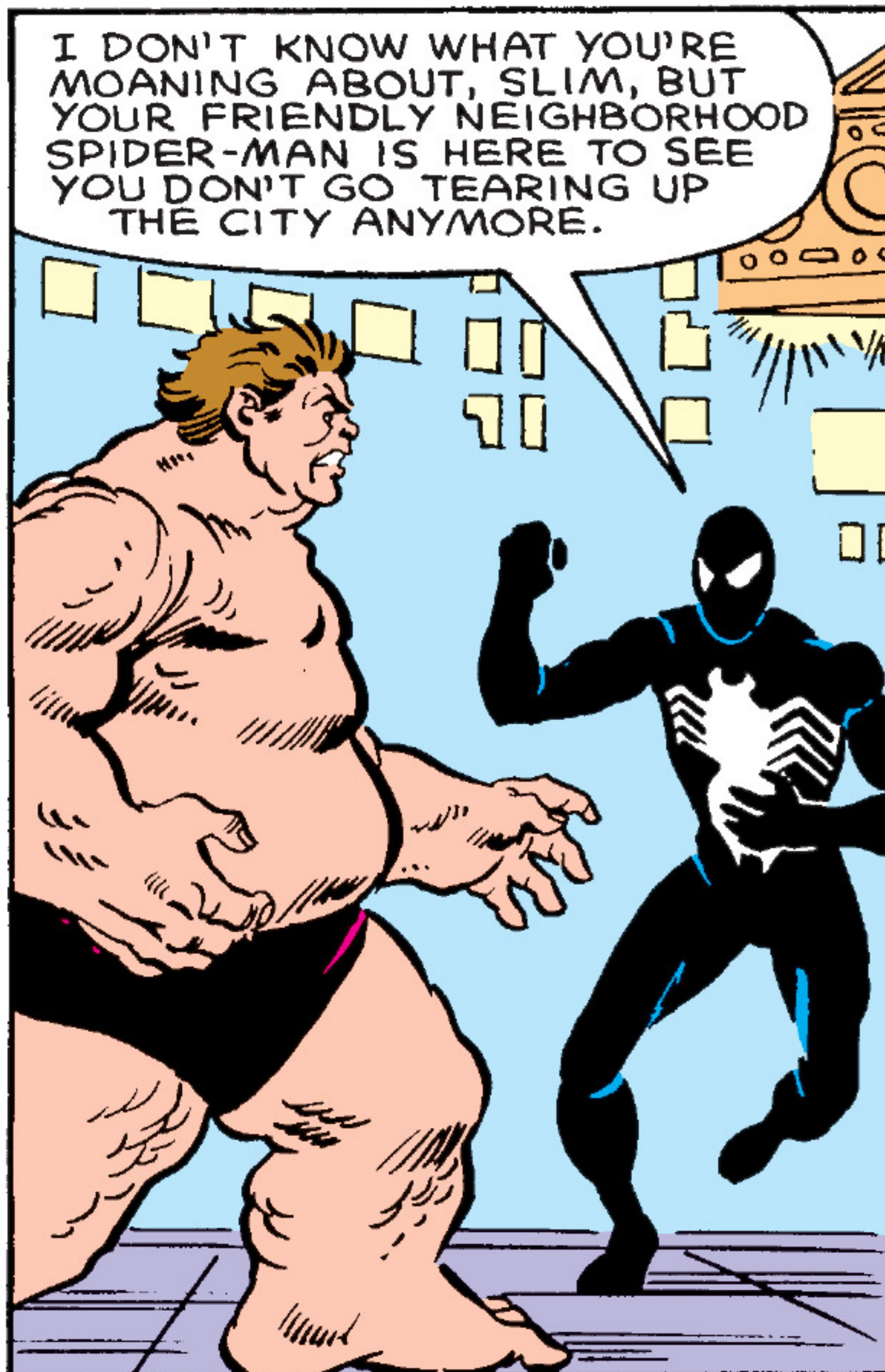
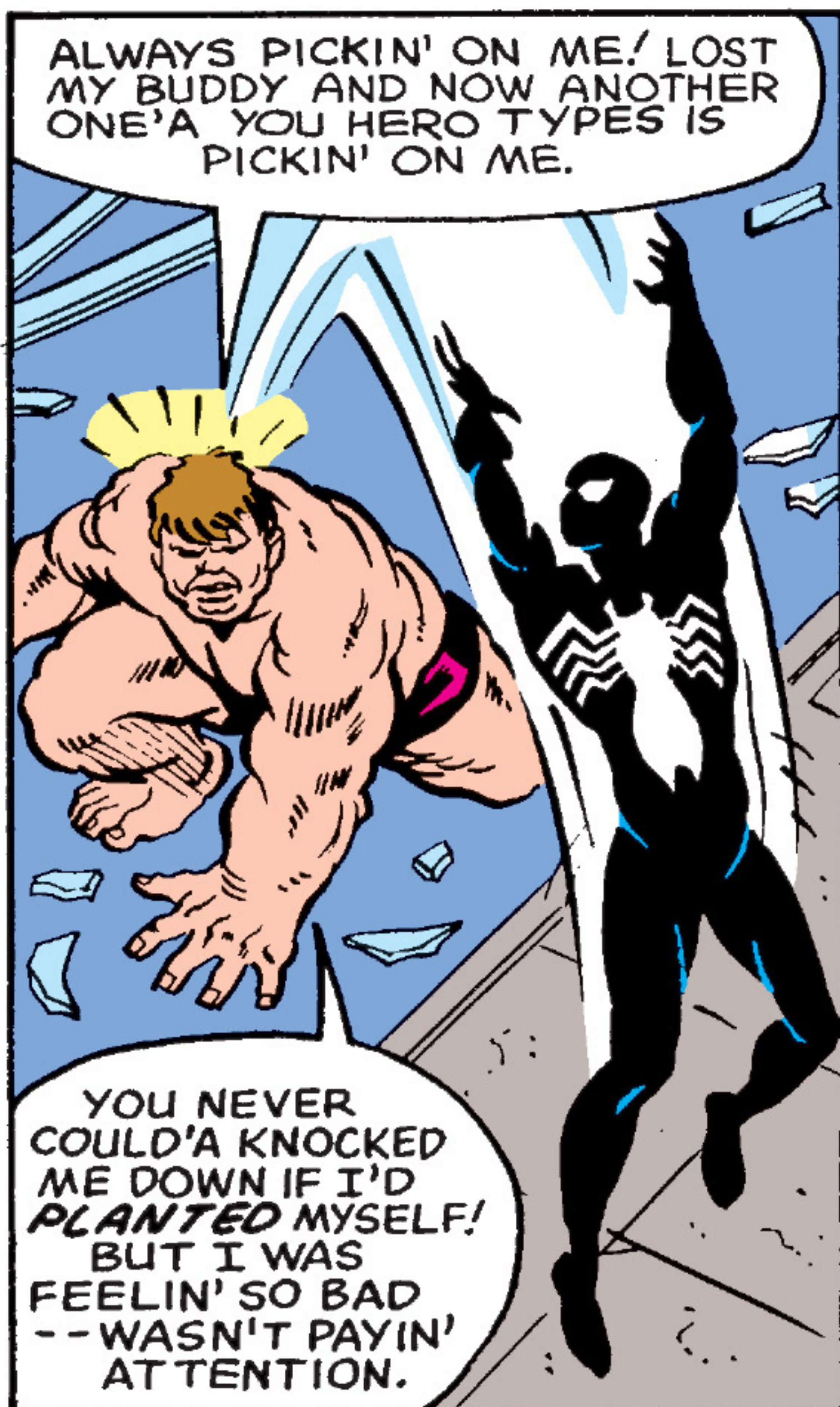
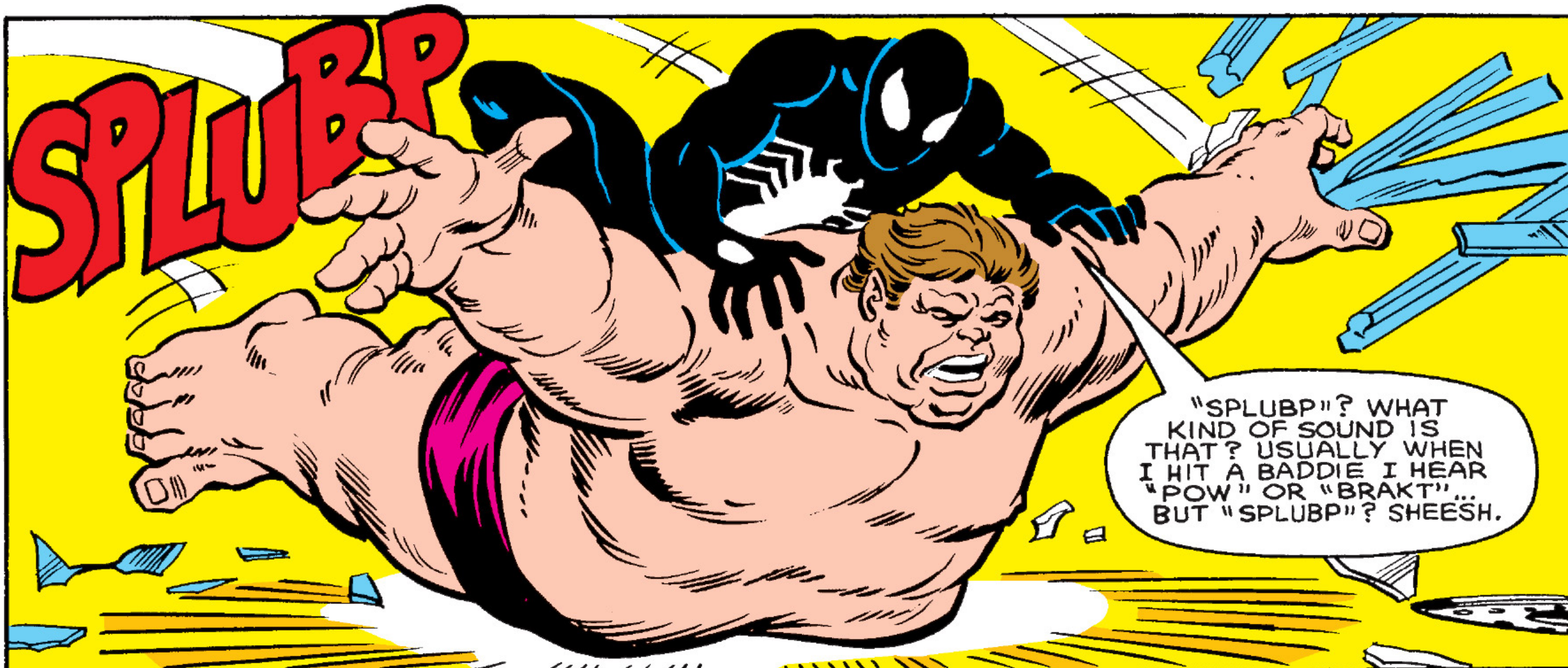
YEP! I'M A FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER, REMEMBER? AND A STARVING ONE AT THAT! SOME ACTION SNAPSHOTS OF SPIDER-MAN IN HIS NEW COSTUME OUGHT TO BE WORTH SOMETHING!

BESIDES, IT'LL BE NICE TO HAVE SOME PICS THAT AREN'T ALL SHOT FROM THE SAME PLACE, LIKE THEY ARE WHEN I WEB MY CAMERA TO A WALL.

BE SURE AND GET MY BEST SIDE NOW, SWEETHEART!



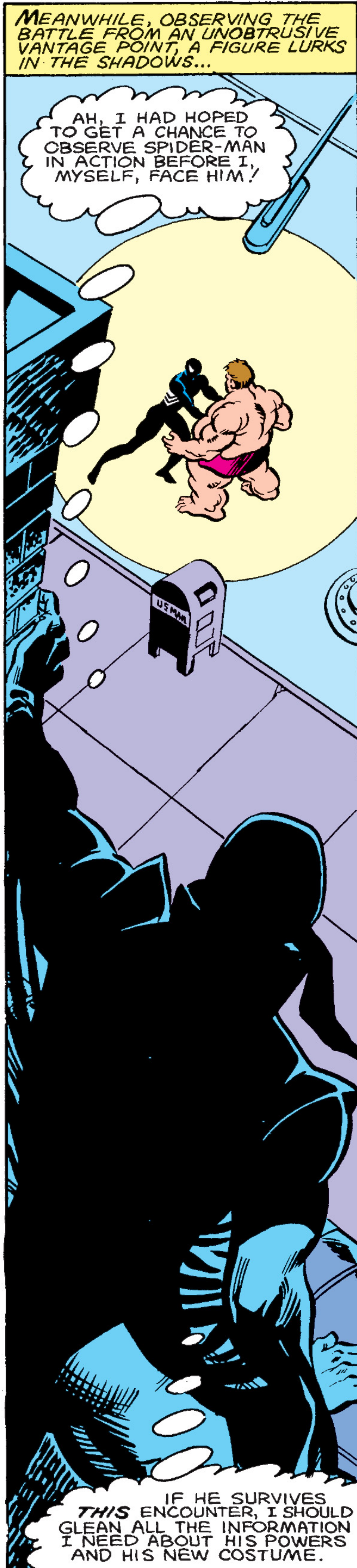
GERONIMO!



MEANWHILE, OBSERVING THE BATTLE FROM AN UNOBTRUSIVE VANTAGE POINT, A FIGURE LURKS IN THE SHADOWS...

AH, I HAD HOPED TO GET A CHANCE TO OBSERVE SPIDER-MAN IN ACTION BEFORE I, MYSELF, FACE HIM!

IF HE SURVIVES THIS ENCOUNTER, I SHOULD GLEAN ALL THE INFORMATION I NEED ABOUT HIS POWERS AND HIS NEW COSTUME.



THEN, WHEN I CONFRONT HIM, HE WILL BE HELPLESS, POWERLESS TO DEFEAT ME!

LET US HOPE, THEN, THAT HE DOES SURVIVE THE FIGHT WITH HIS ROTUND FOE, SO THAT I MAY BE THE ONE TO HUMBLE HIM.

STRUGGLE ALL YOU WANT, TWERP. WHEN THE BLOB'S GOT YOU, YOU STAY GOT!

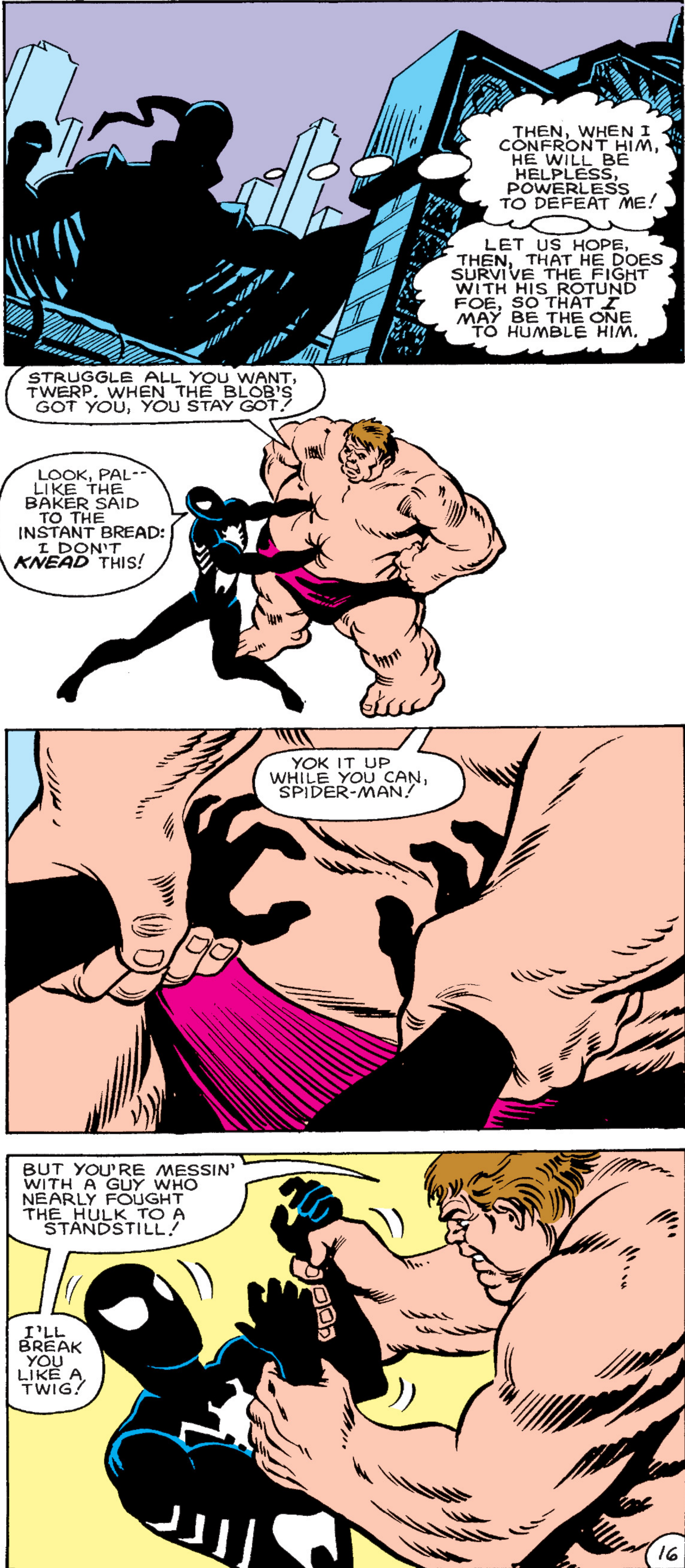
LOOK, PAL-- LIKE THE BAKER SAID TO THE INSTANT BREAD: I DON'T **KNEAD** THIS!

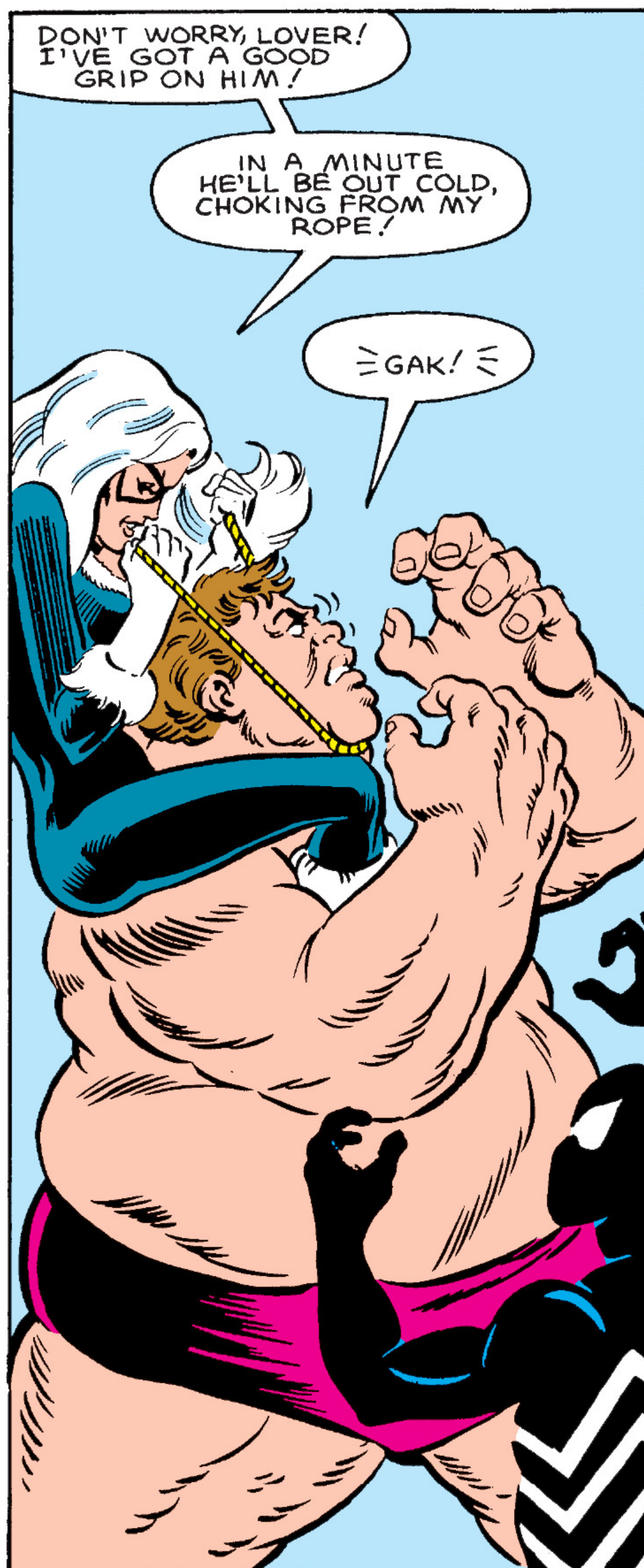
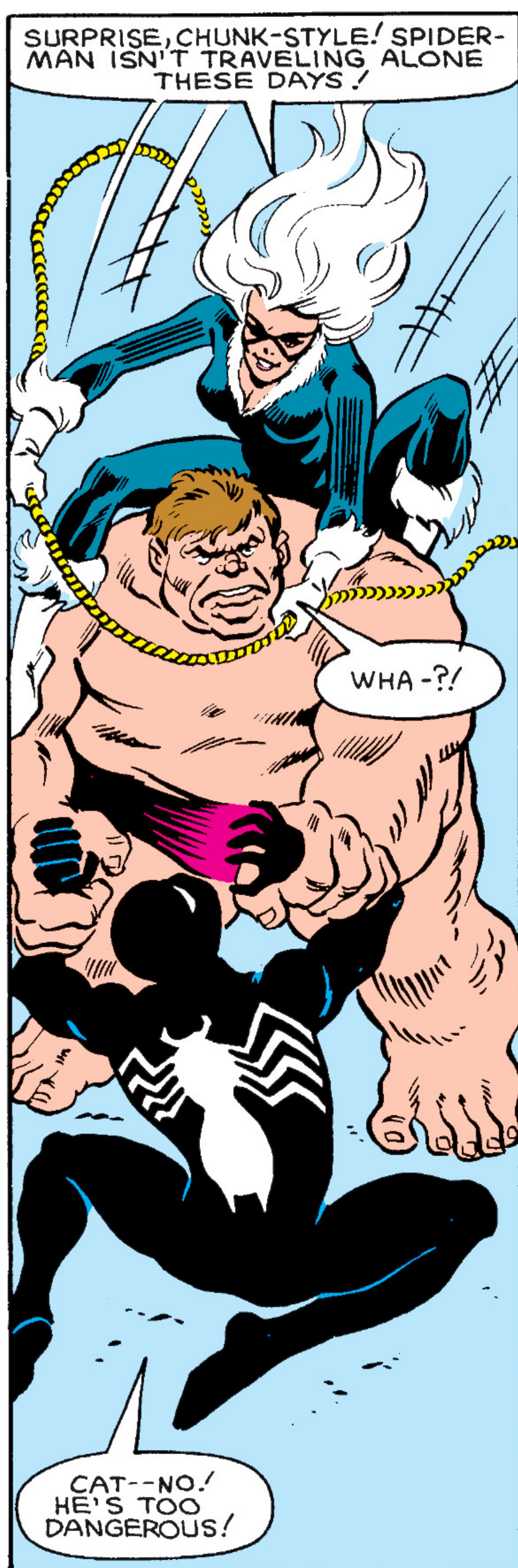
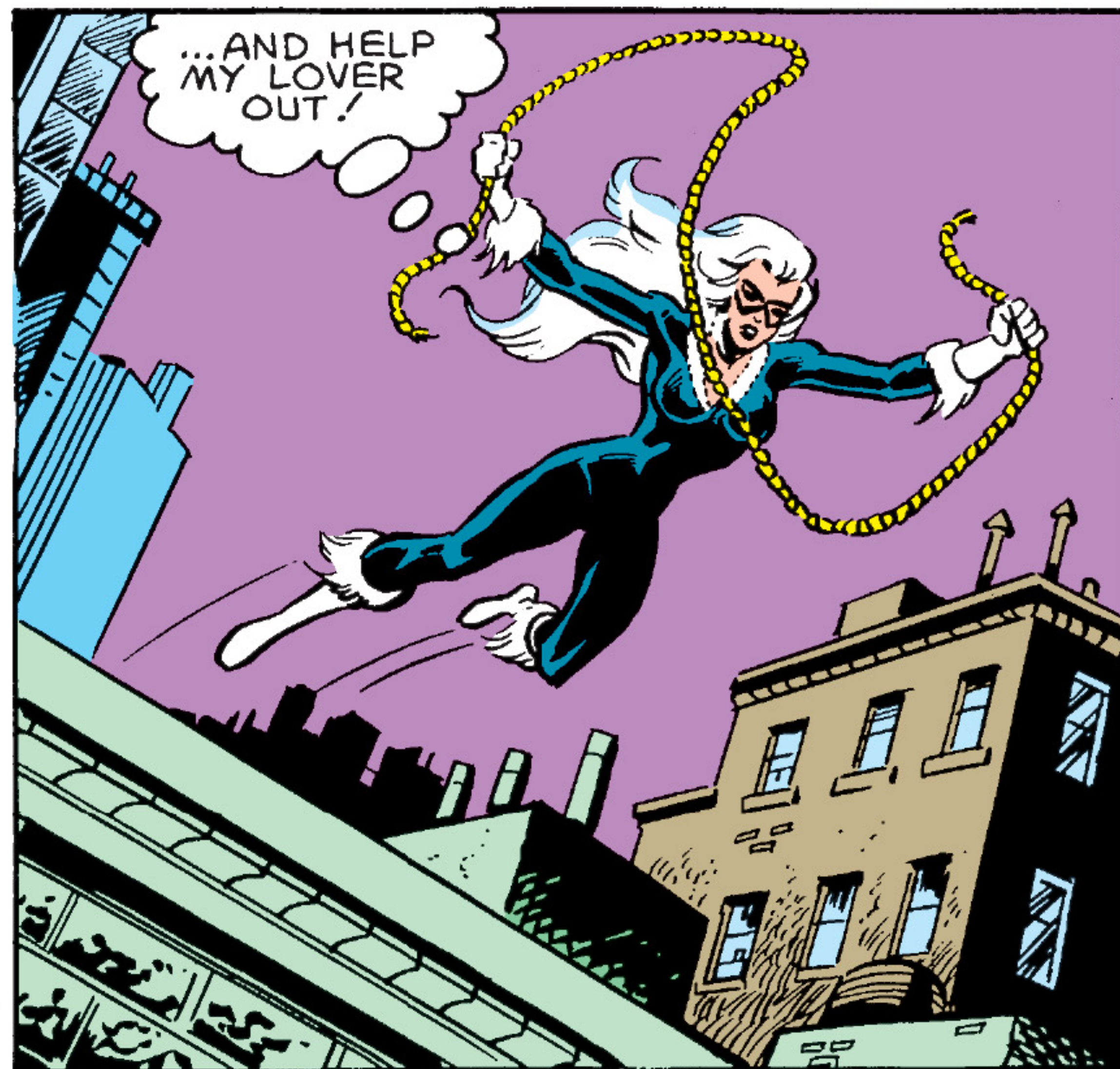
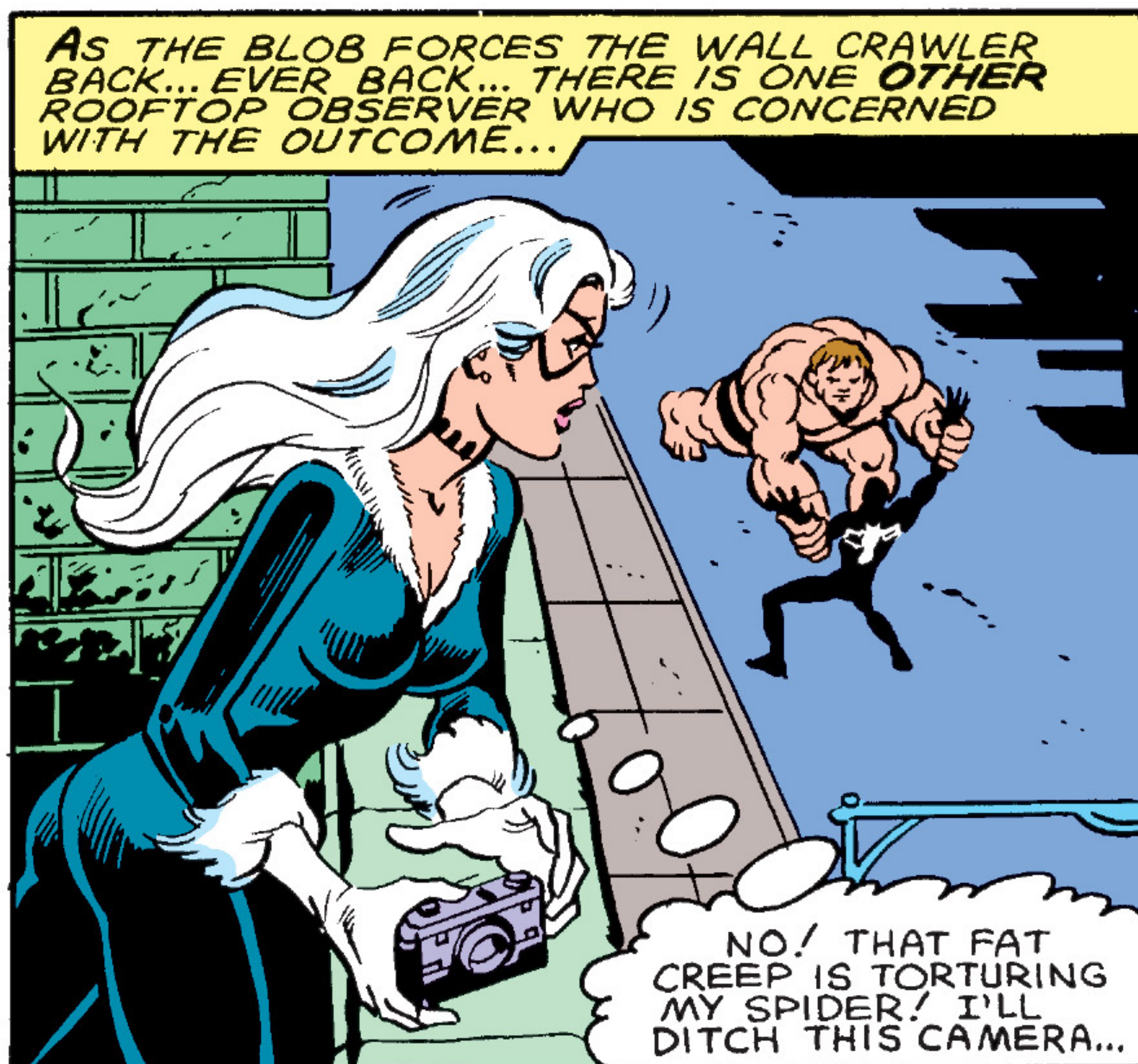
YOK IT UP WHILE YOU CAN, SPIDER-MAN!

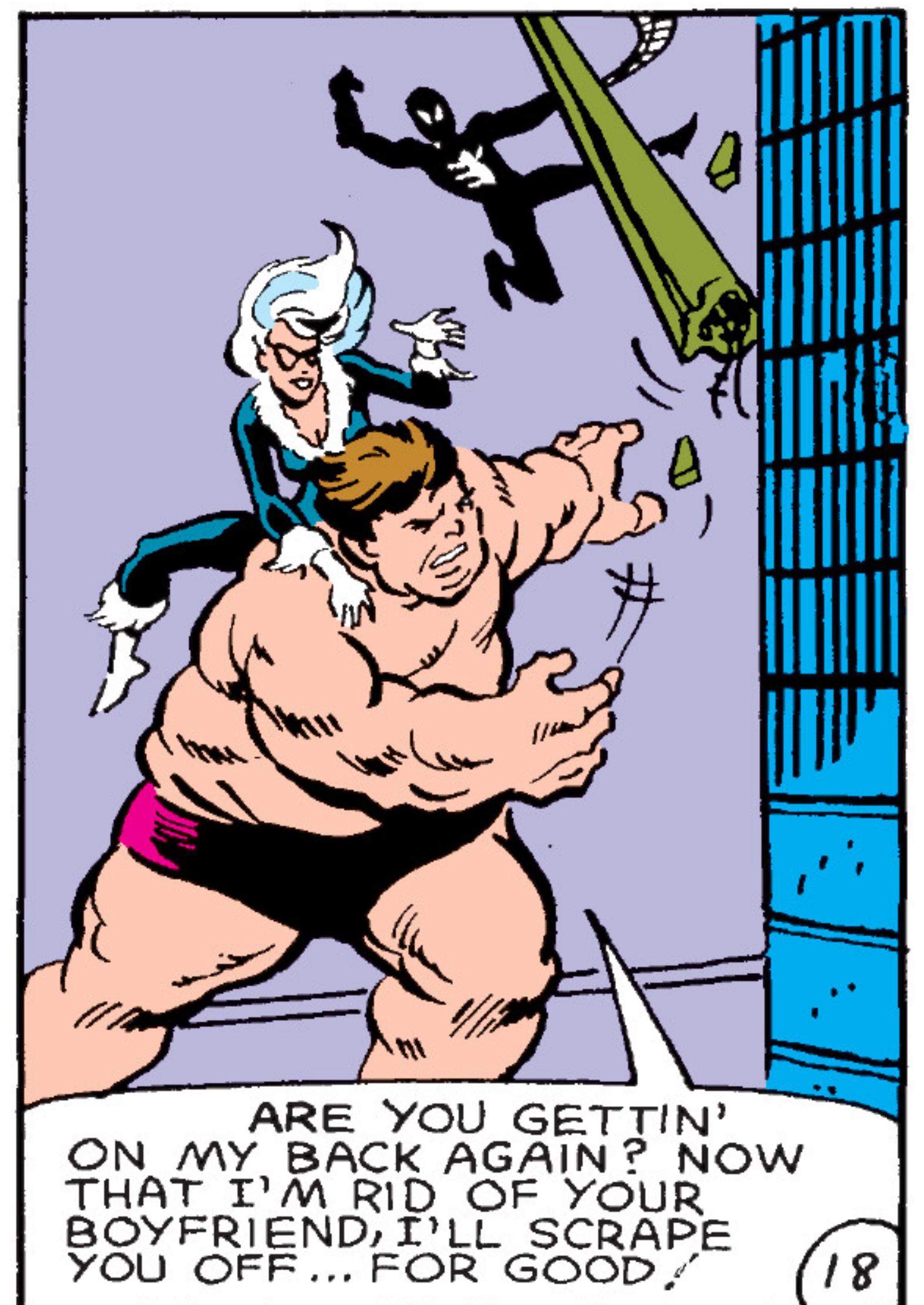
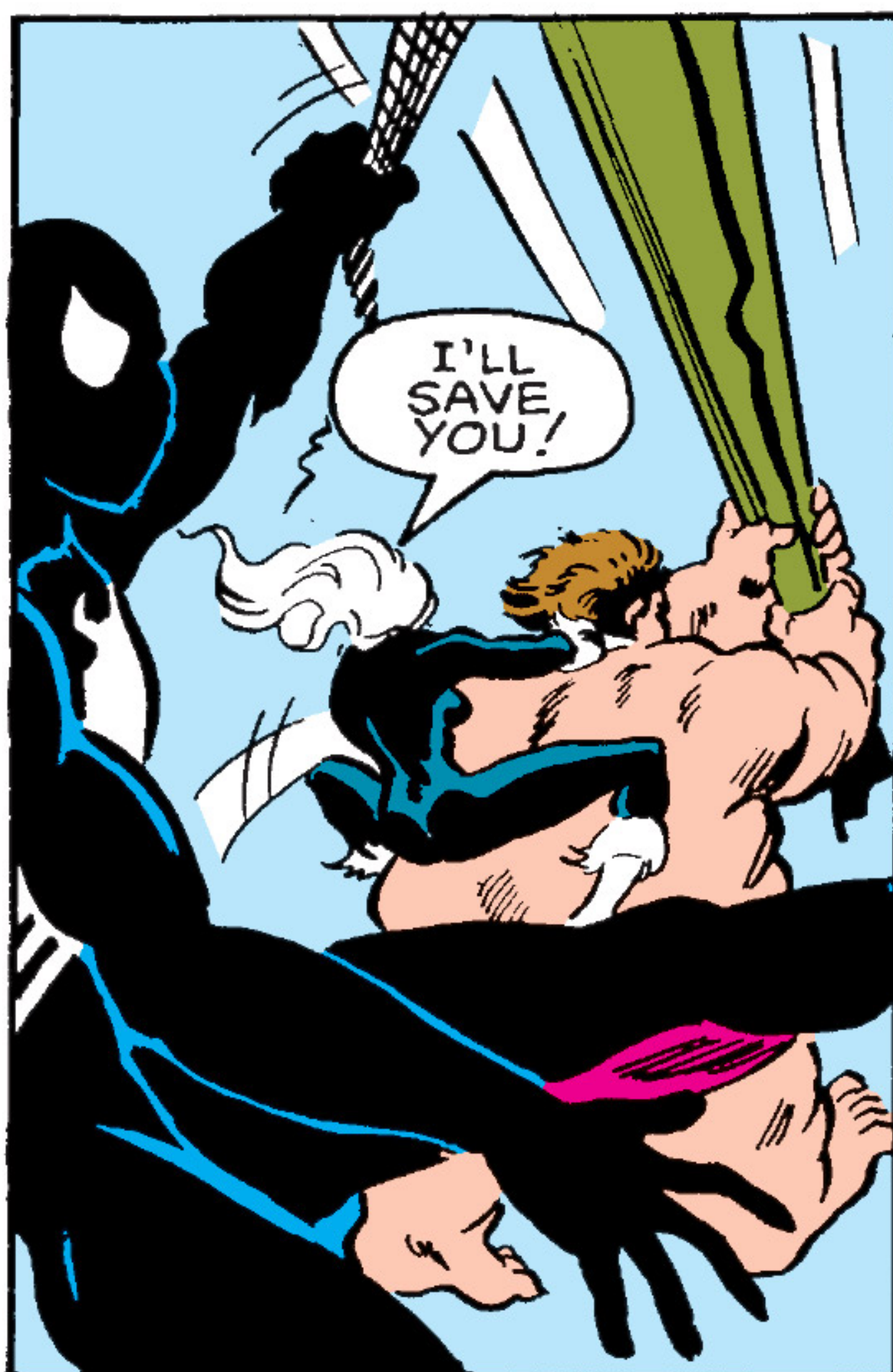
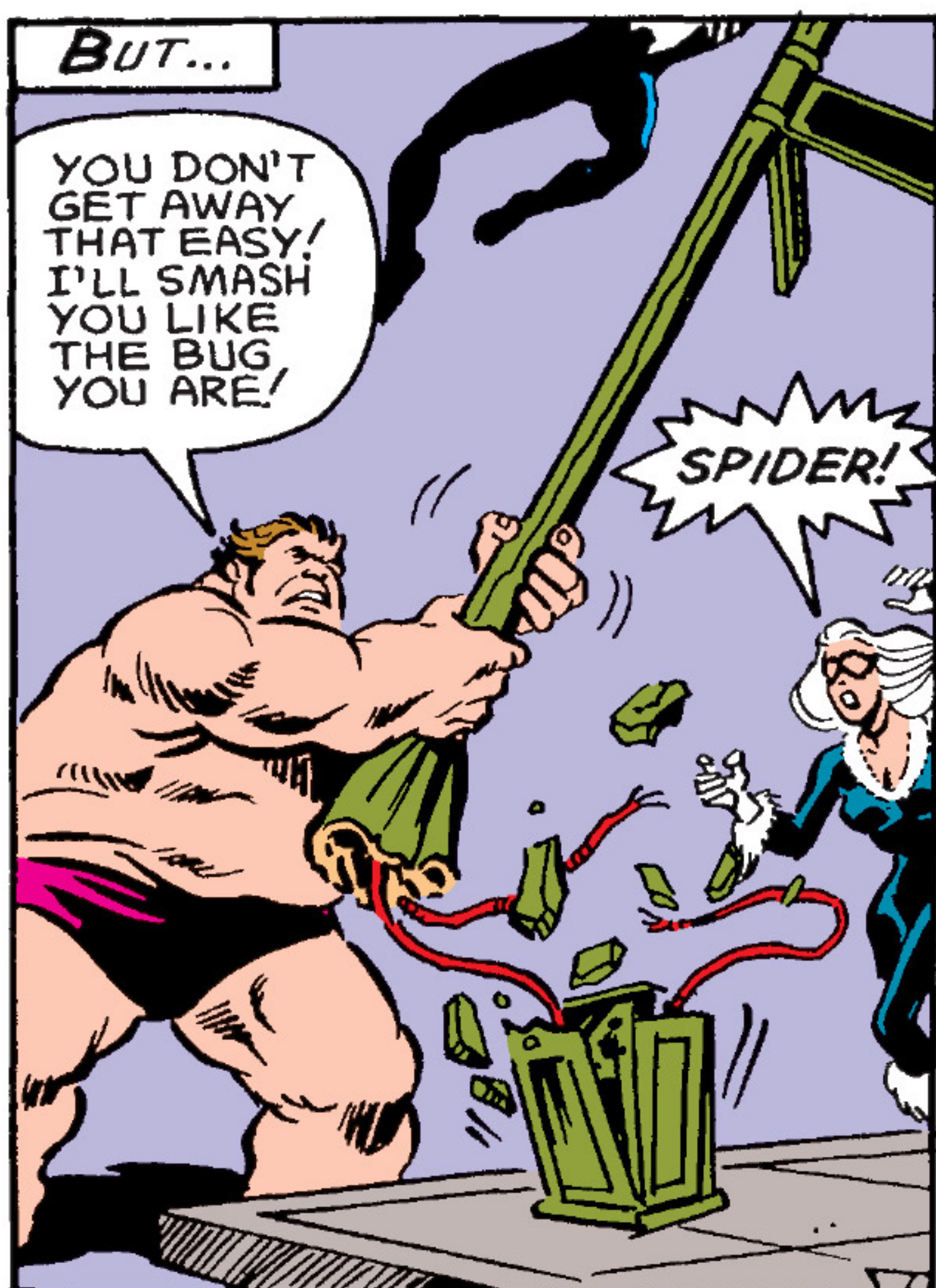
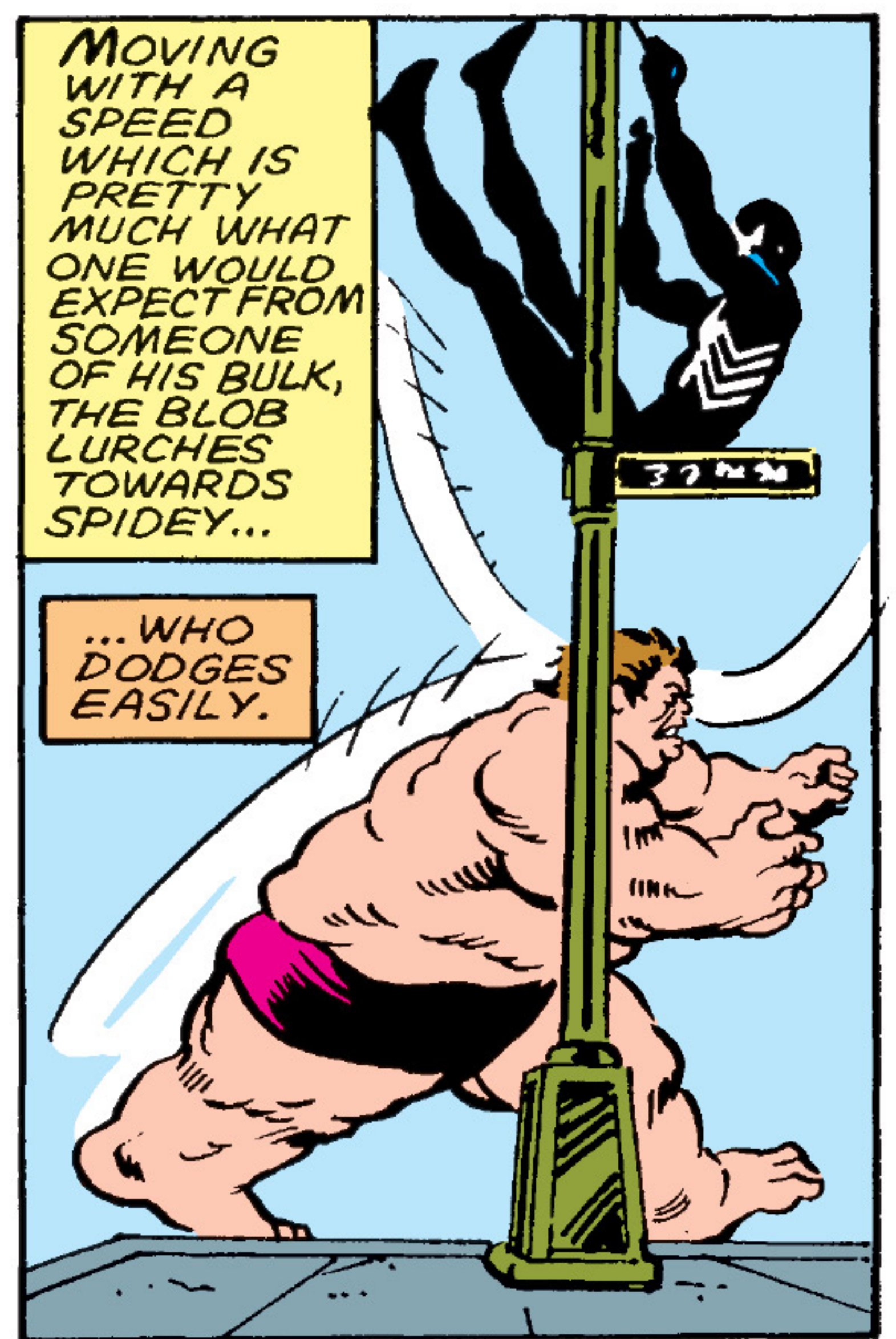
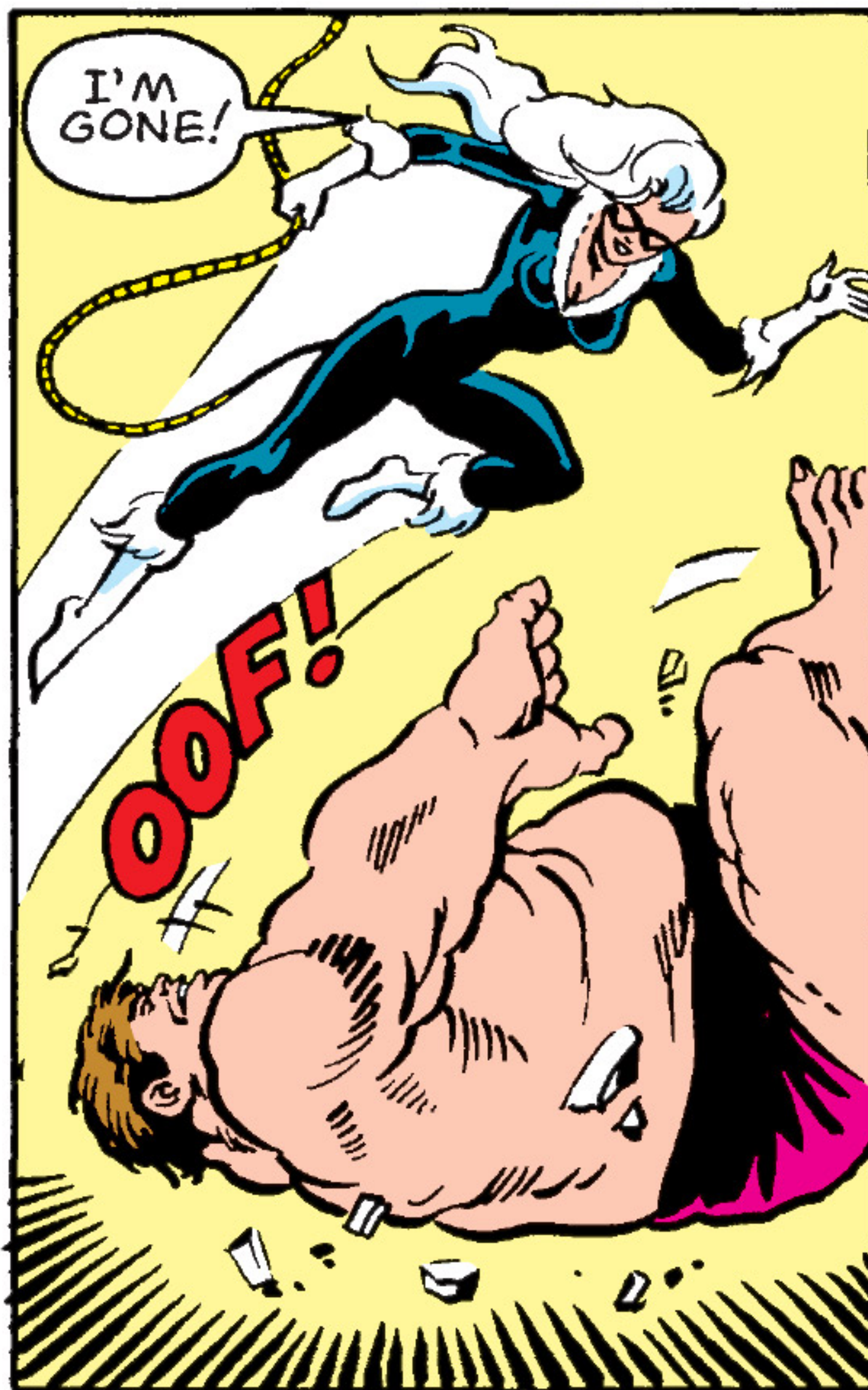
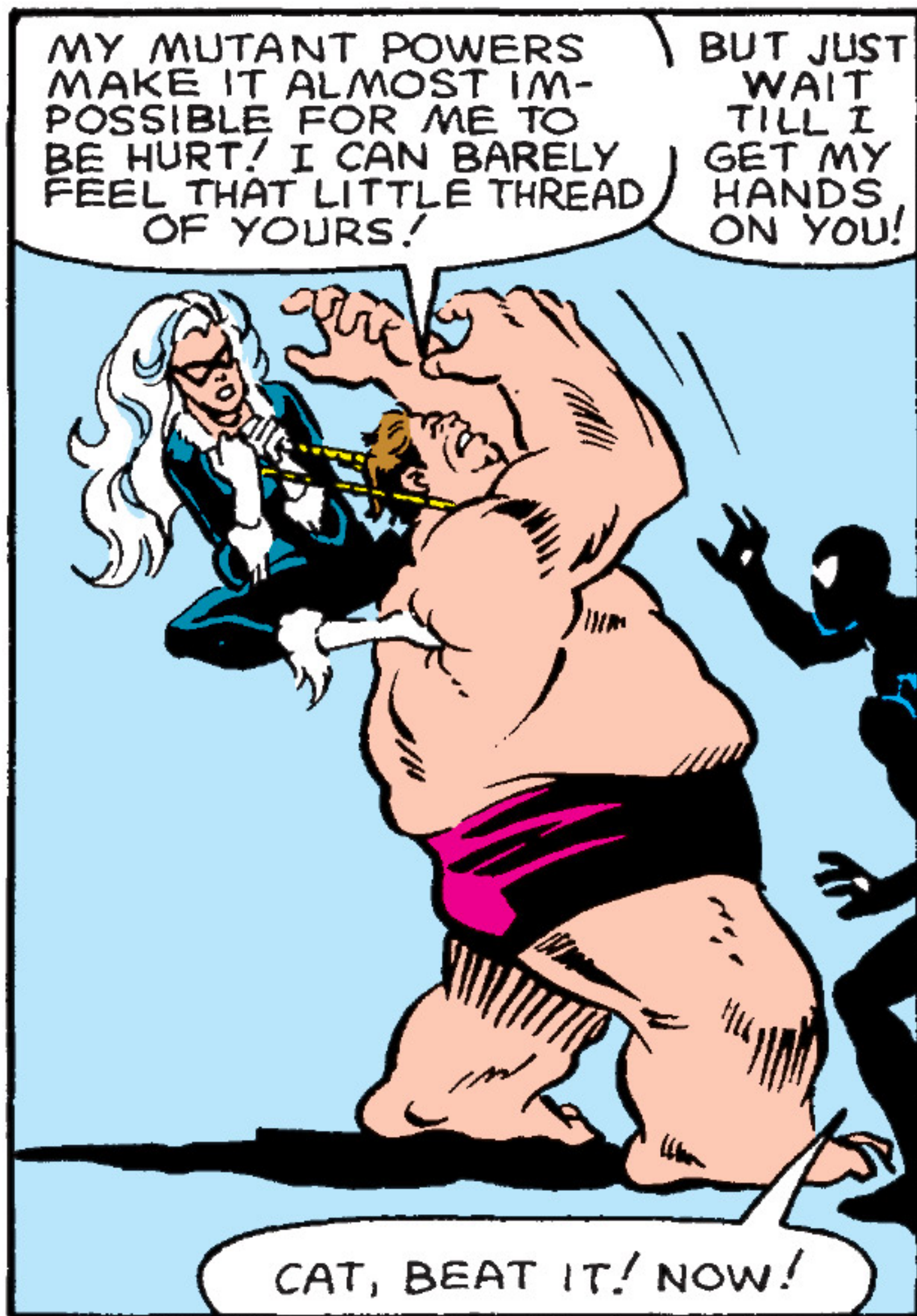
BUT YOU'RE MESSIN' WITH A GUY WHO NEARLY FOUGHT THE HULK TO A STANDSTILL!

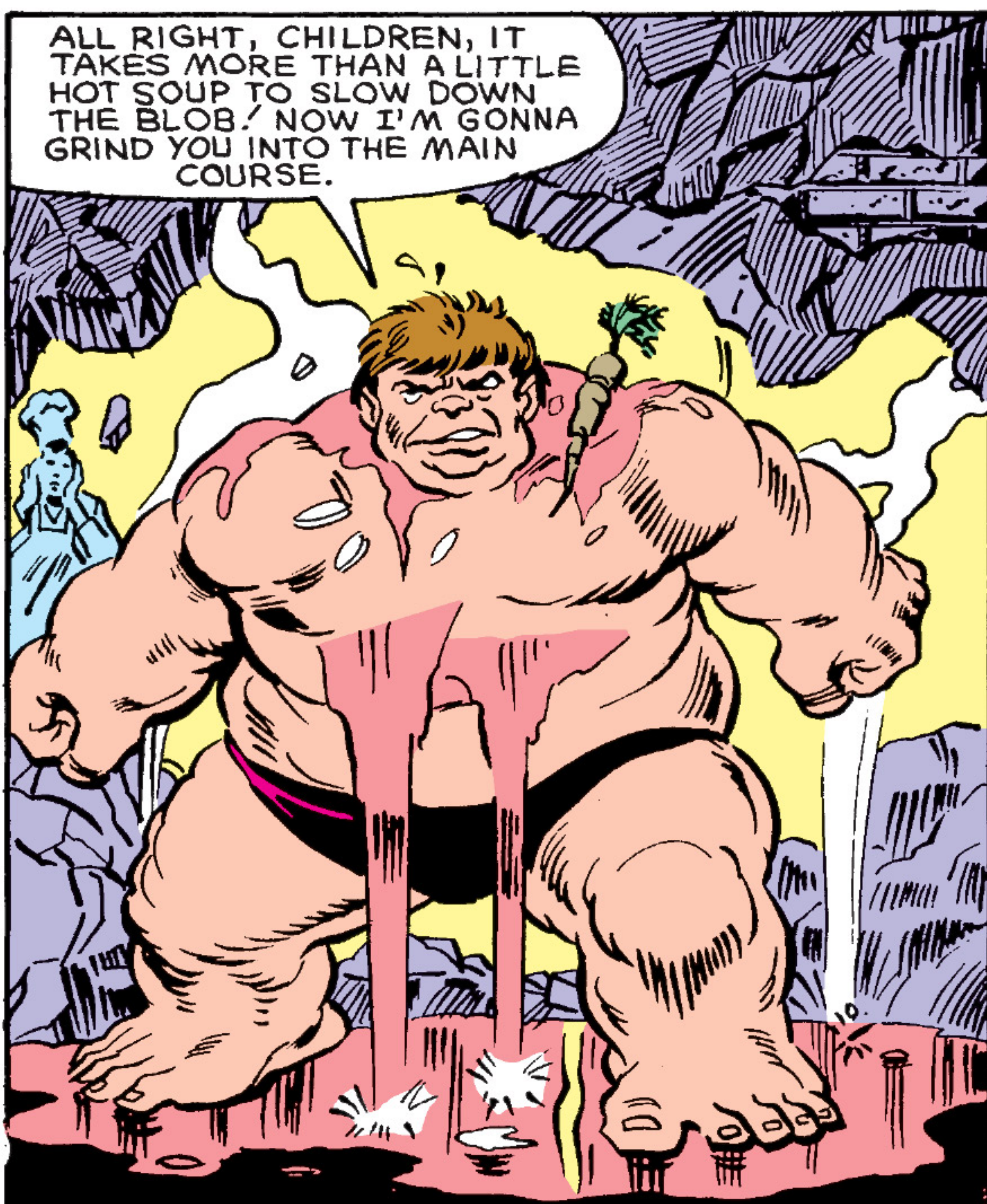
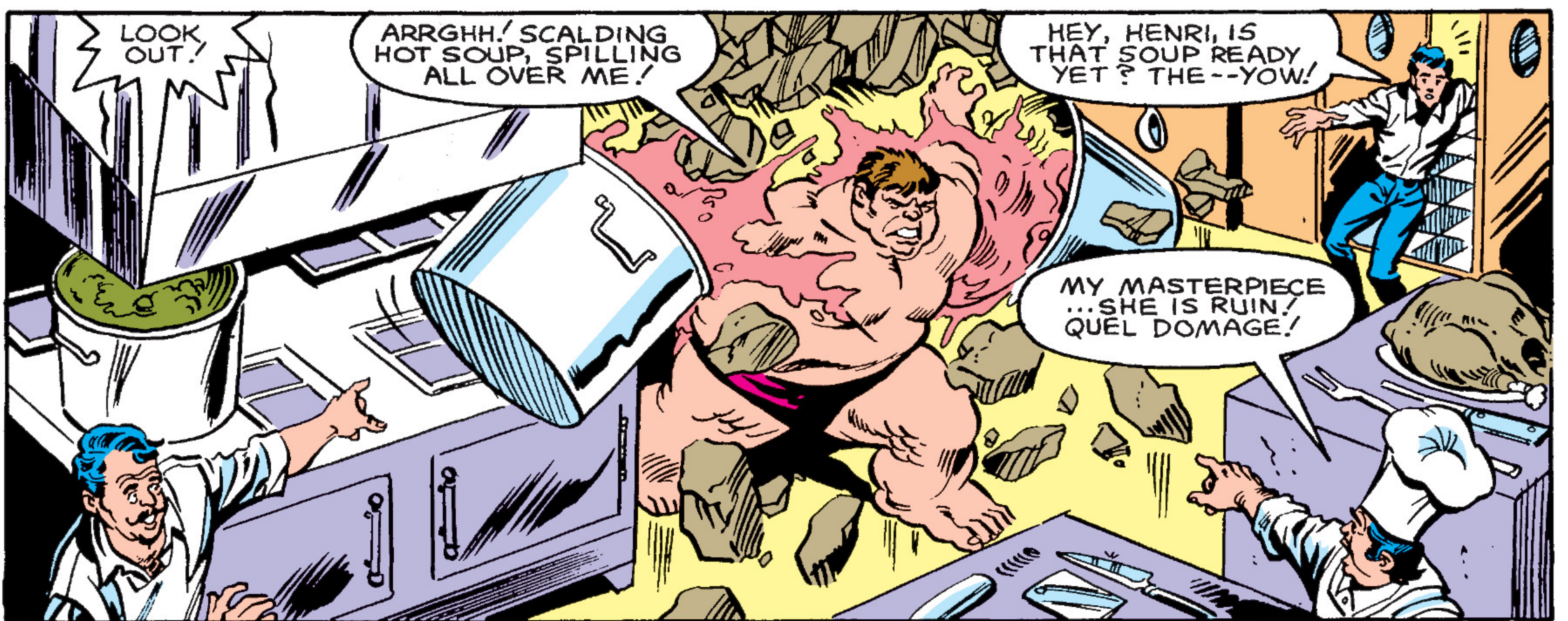
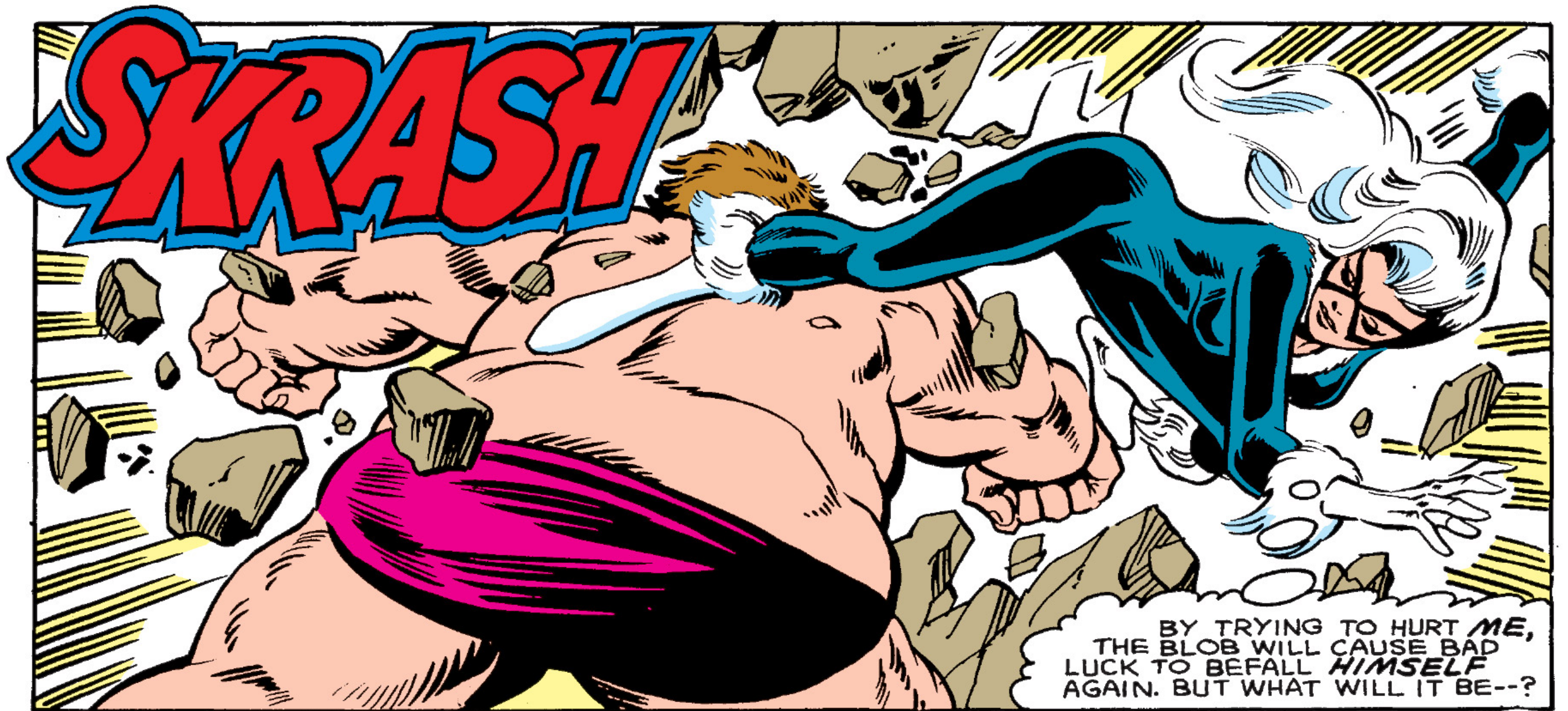
I'LL BREAK YOU LIKE A TWIG!

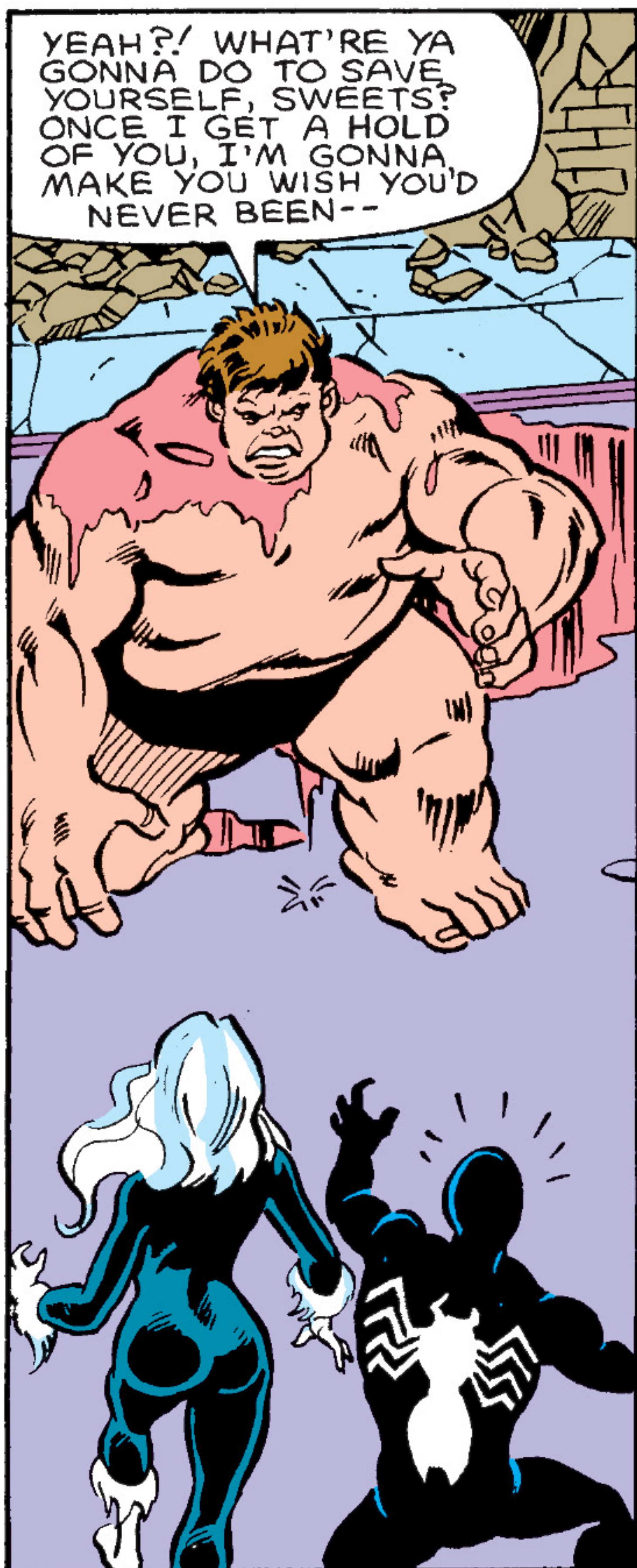
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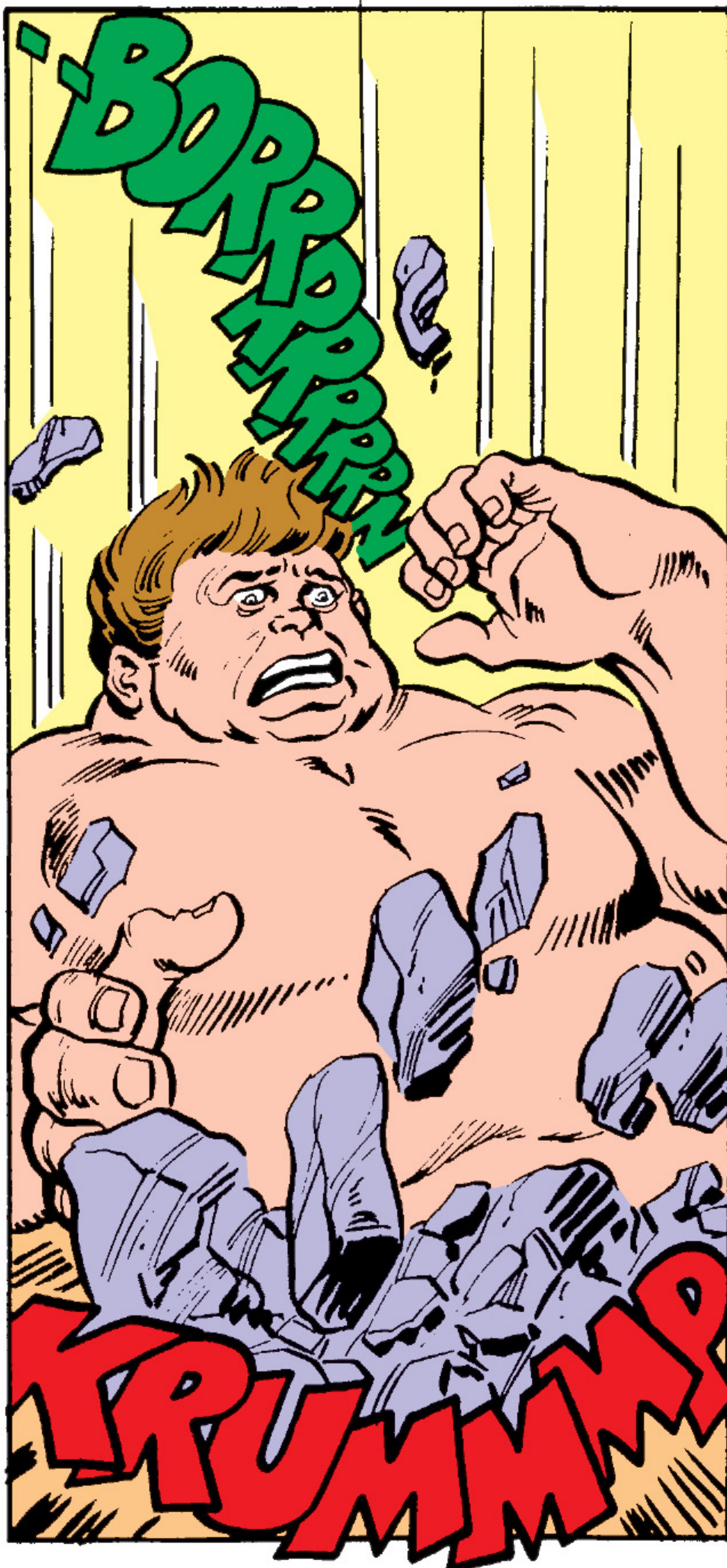






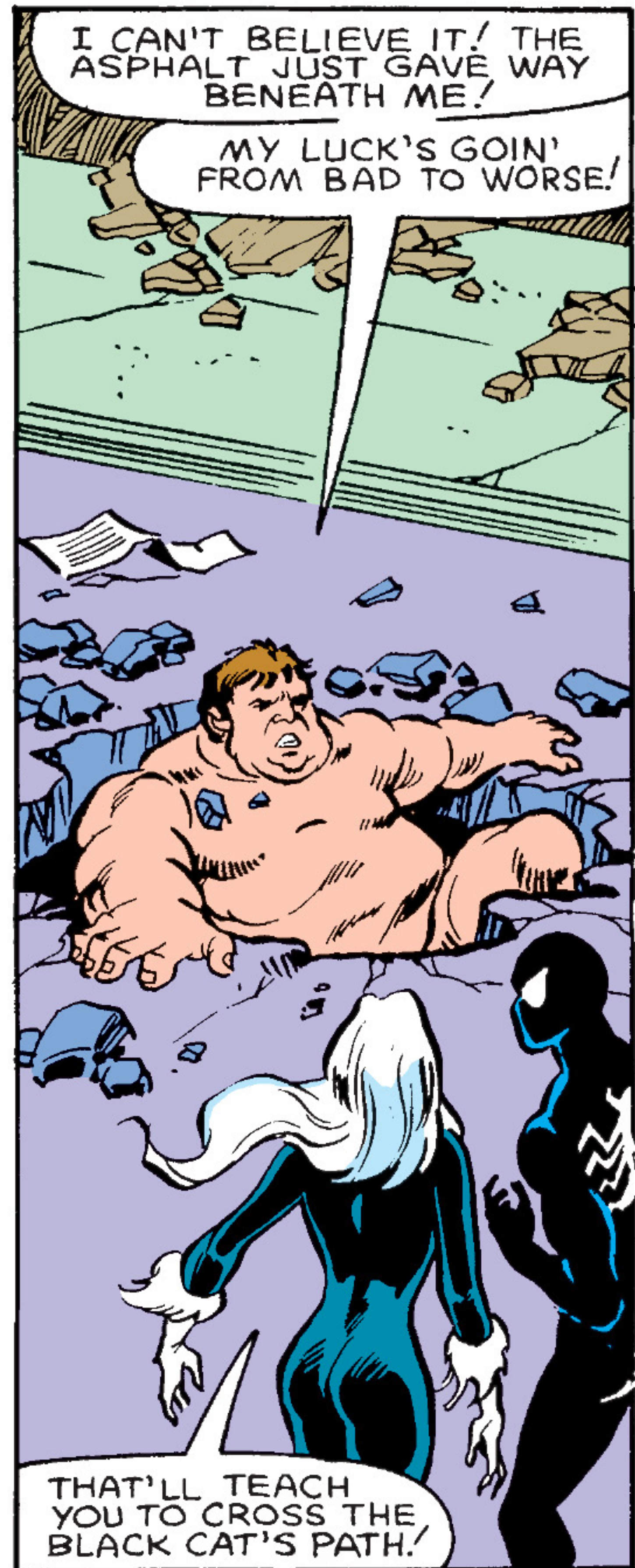


YEAH?! WHAT'RE YA GONNA DO TO SAVE YOURSELF, SWEETS? ONCE I GET A HOLD OF YOU, I'M GONNA MAKE YOU WISH YOU'D NEVER BEEN--



BOOM

CRUMMP



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THE ASPHALT JUST GAVE WAY BENEATH ME!

MY LUCK'S GOIN' FROM BAD TO WORSE!

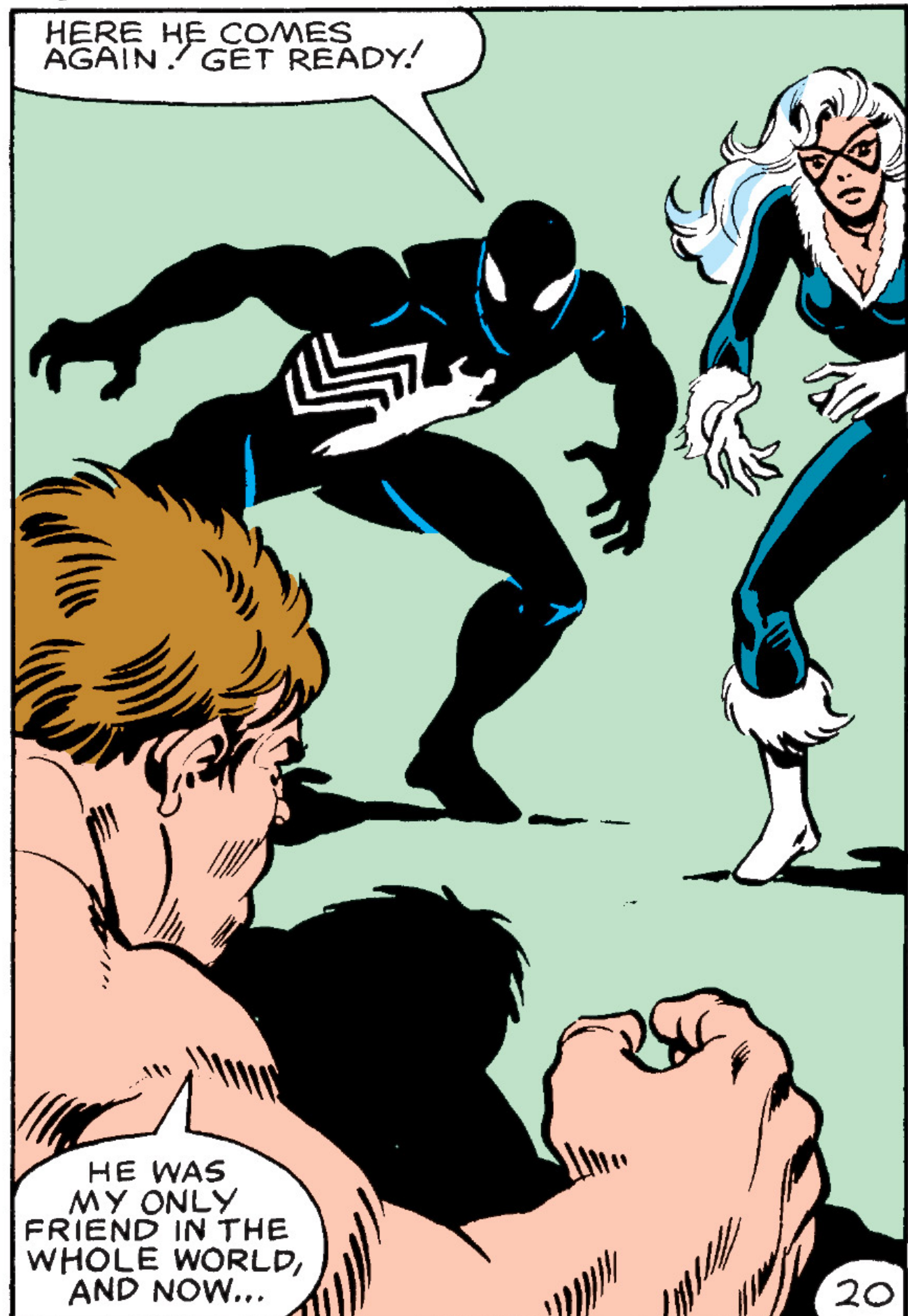
THAT'LL TEACH YOU TO CROSS THE BLACK CAT'S PATH!



REALLY! WITH YOUR LOOKS AND SUCH ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO MAKE ANY FRIENDS, BLOBBY?

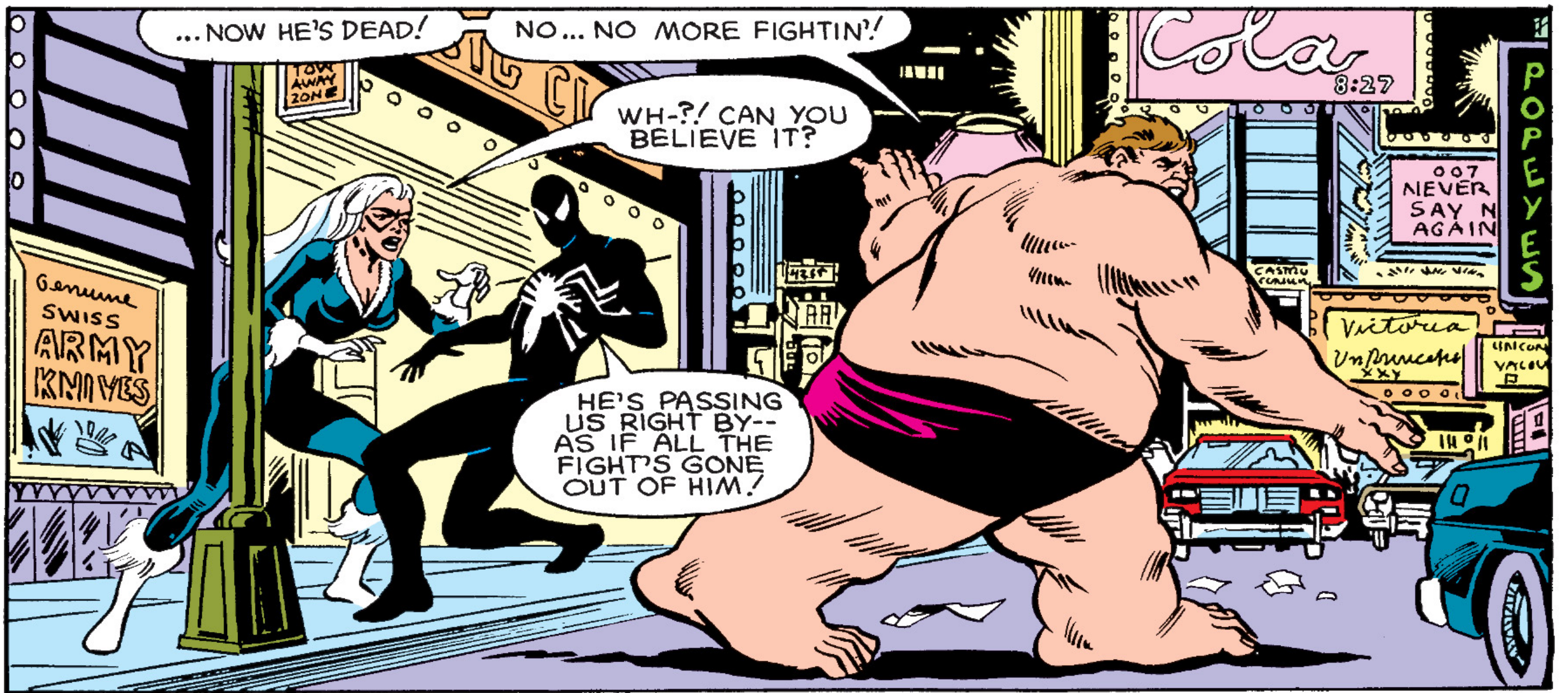
FRIENDS? I--I HAD A FRIEND!

WATCH IT, CAT! HE'S HAULING HIMSELF OUT!



HERE HE COMES AGAIN! GET READY!

HE WAS MY ONLY FRIEND IN THE WHOLE WORLD, AND NOW...

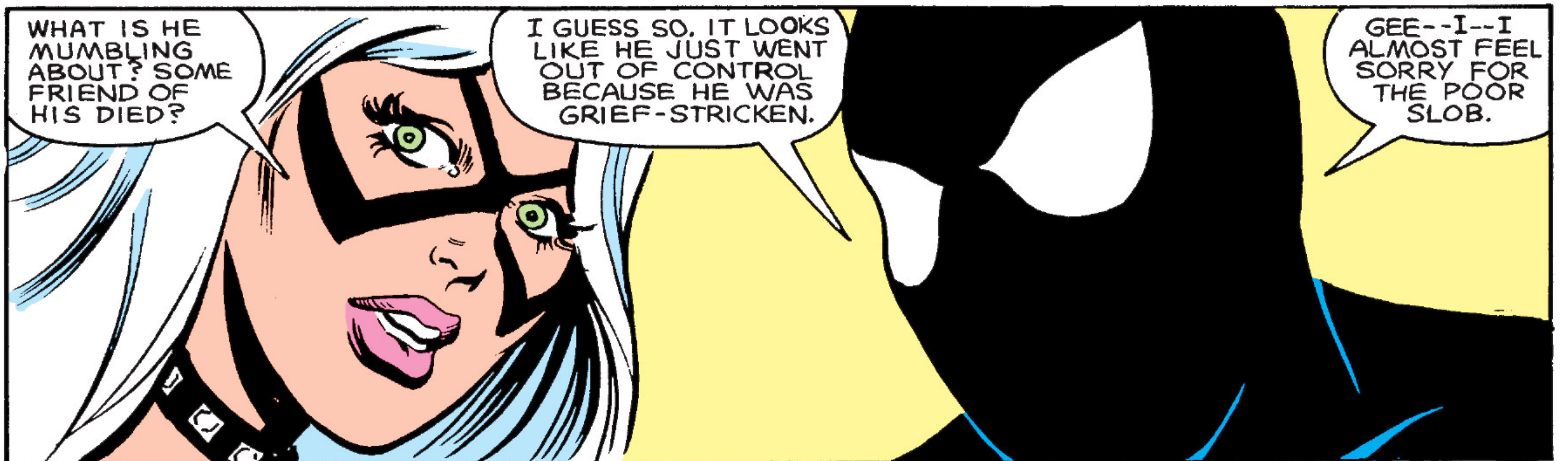


...NOW HE'S DEAD!

NO... NO MORE FIGHTIN'!

WH-?! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

HE'S PASSING US RIGHT BY-- AS IF ALL THE FIGHT'S GONE OUT OF HIM!



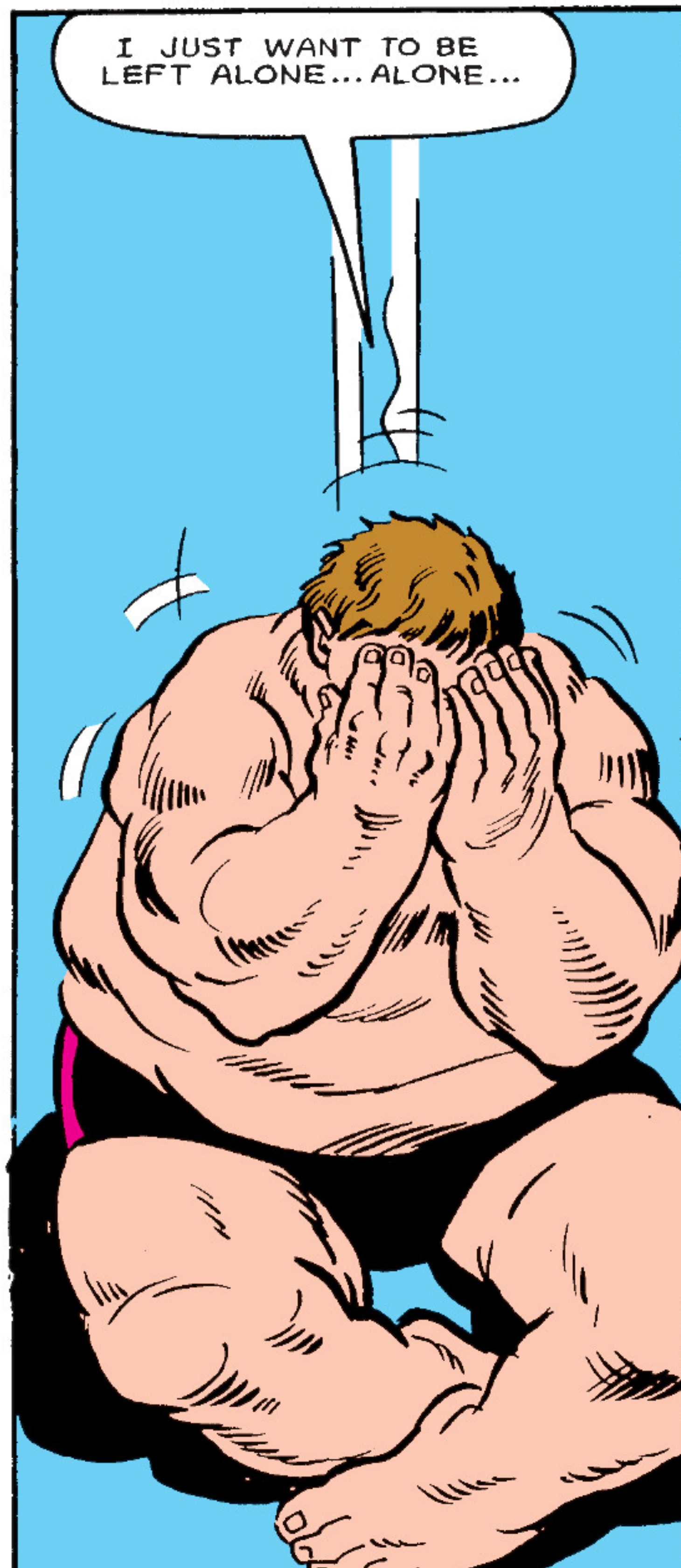
WHAT IS HE MUMBLING ABOUT? SOME FRIEND OF HIS DIED?

I GUESS SO. IT LOOKS LIKE HE JUST WENT OUT OF CONTROL BECAUSE HE WAS GRIEF-STRICKEN.

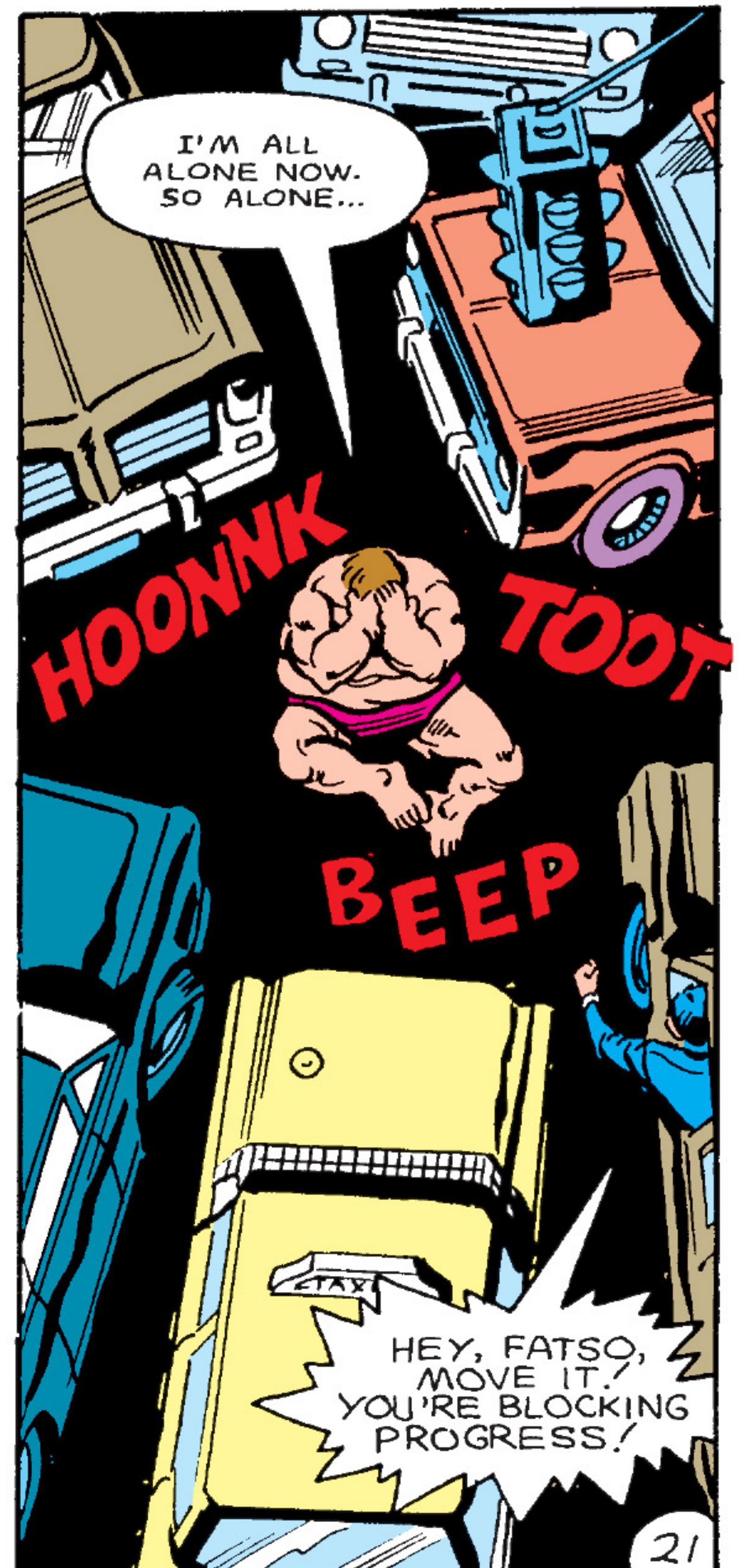
GEE--I--I ALMOST FEEL SORRY FOR THE POOR SLOB.



N-NO MORE FIGHTING! I'M TIRED OF FIGHTING. SO TIRED-- I...



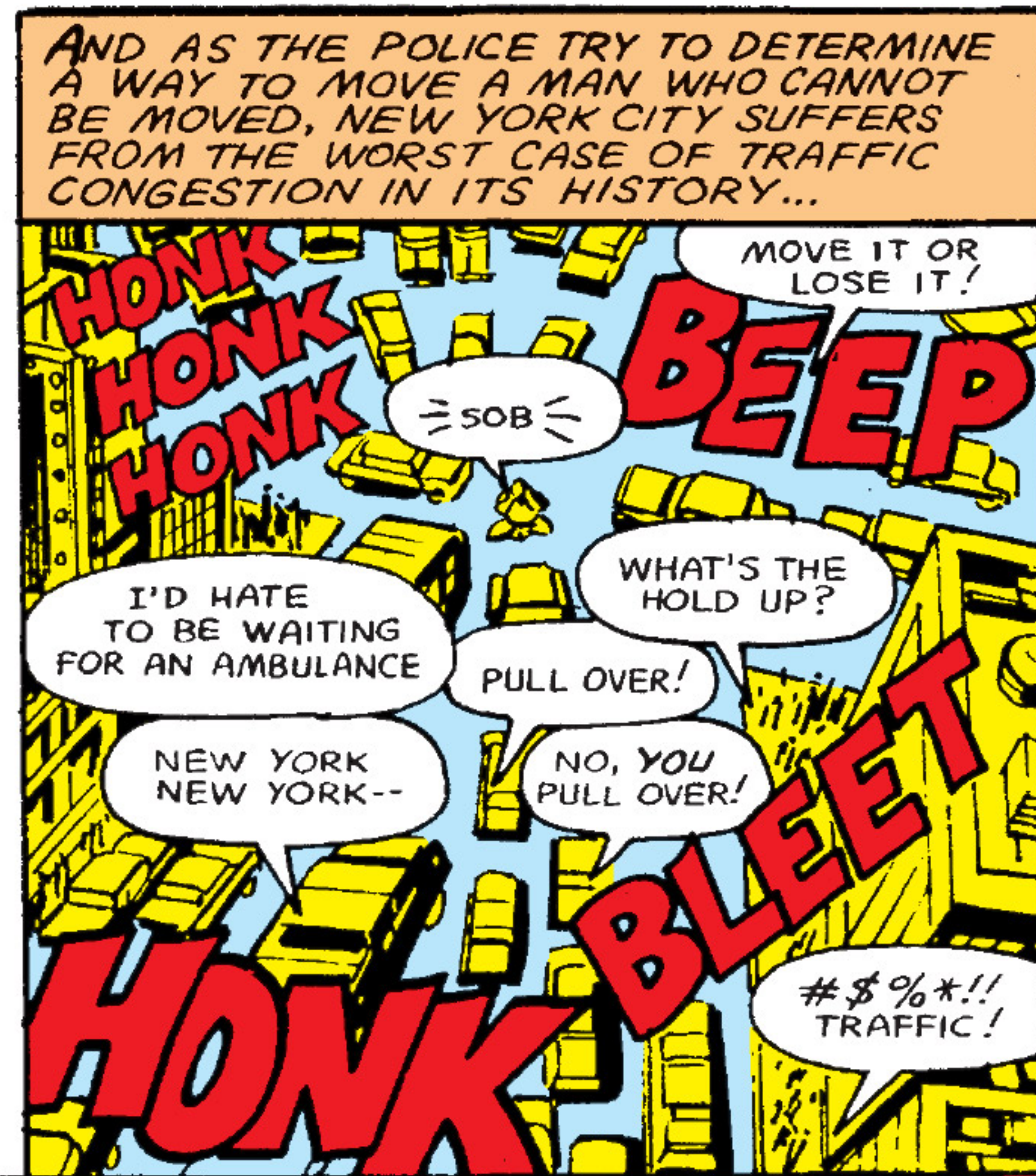
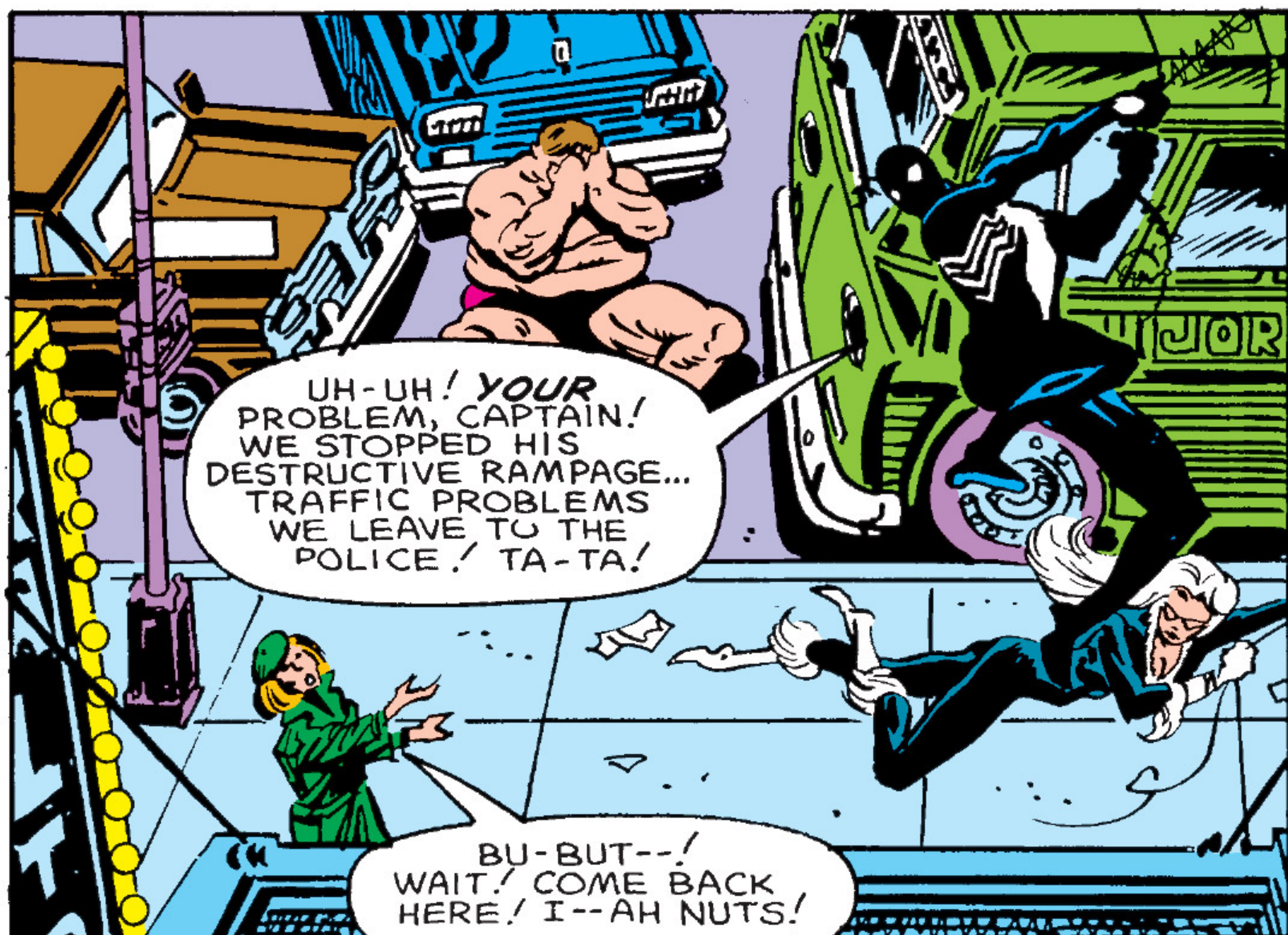
I JUST WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE... ALONE...



I'M ALL ALONE NOW. SO ALONE...

HOONNK
TOOT
BEEP

HEY, FATSO, MOVE IT. YOU'RE BLOCKING PROGRESS!



BE HERE AS SPIDEY AND THE BLACK CAT FACE A MYSTERIOUS NEW FOE:

NEXT ► **THE ANSWER!**